

# WHEN TEMPTATION COMES KNOCKING

## MAIN TAKEAWAY

When temptation comes knocking, we must look to the Son of God and the Word of God—to know that temptation can be endured, there is a reward for endurance, and resisting temptation will bring happiness.

## INTRODUCTION

**How are New Year's resolutions connected to our need to resist temptation?**

**What are your spiritual goals for 2026?**

## UNDERSTANDING

**READ LUKE 4:1-15**

**How did Jesus give us a model on how to deal with the devil and temptation?**

**How does knowing that Jesus succeeded where we fail compel us to rely on Him (Hebrews 4:14-16)?**

**When does temptation generally come? In what way does “the devil come after the dove”? What are the “opportune times” of temptation (v.13)?**

**Who does temptation come to? What is the difference in your experience with temptation before you became a Christian? How does a new spiritual perspective of temptation reveal God’s work in your life?**

**Where is the best place to be when temptation comes? How does knowing the will of God impact your response to temptation?**

**What is the primary weapon we should use to resist temptation? How does the Word of God help you resist temptation (Psalm 119:9-11)?**

## READ JAMES 1:12-15

**Testing and temptation can have a positive effect. How can testing and temptation impact spiritual growth (v. 12)? How have you experienced this?**

**Where does temptation generally come from? How do we play a key role in our own temptation (v.14-15)? Why are our thoughts so important?**

**Pastor Greg explained that sometimes we treat sin like a pet, or we can blame God for our sins. What is wrong with both perspectives? What is the difference between testing the Lord and trusting the Lord?**

## APPLICATION

**We learned three vital things about temptation: it can be endured, there is a reward for those who endure it, and resisting temptation brings happiness. How can these truths shape your perspective for the next temptation (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)?**

**If the primary weapon to resist temptation is the Word of God, how are you using your “sword” (Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12)? How would you like to grow in knowing, reading, and memorizing God’s Word?**

**When the lies of temptation come knocking, what truths of God can you immediately think about (Isaiah 41:10; Matthew 28:20; Hebrews 2:14)?**

## PRAYER

Thank God for His promises and presence, especially when temptation comes knocking. Pray for strength and wisdom to resist temptation, rely on God’s forgiveness, and pursue godly resolutions.