

# The Believer's Battle

## Part 5

### The Battle with Temptation

#### *The Blame Game - "Temptation to Blame Temptation"*

➤ We are tempted to blame...

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➤ The truth is, temptation is...

- \_\_\_\_\_ – normal part of living in a fallen world
- Not \_\_\_\_\_ in itself
- Not \_\_\_\_\_
- A \_\_\_\_\_ of the devil (Gen 3/Matt 4:3/2Cor 2:11)
- Really about our own \_\_\_\_\_ (James 1:13-16)
  - ✓ D \_\_\_\_\_ with your desires
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➤ Take action biblically...

- John 15:1-11 – \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ
- Eph 5:18/Gal 5:16 – \_\_\_\_\_ & be controlled by the Spirit
- Rom 13:14 – Make no \_\_\_\_\_ for the flesh
- Psalm 119:9-11 – \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God
- Matt 4:1-11 – \_\_\_\_\_ the truth & priority of God's Word
- I Cor 10:13 – Acknowledge God has made a way of \_\_\_\_\_
- Prov 22:3 – \_\_\_\_\_ situations that make temptation hard
- Matt 6:13 – \_\_\_\_\_
- I Peter 1:13 – \_\_\_\_\_ yourself and your mind
- Prov 1:10 – Learn to say \_\_\_\_\_

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➤ The truth is, temptation is...

- Common – normal part of sinners living in a fallen world
- Not sinful in itself
- Not easy
- A tool of the devil (Gen 3, Matt 4:3)
- Really about our own desires (James 1:13-16)
  - ✓ Deal with your desires
  - ✓ Direct your desires
  - ✓ Discipline your desires
  - ✓ Develop your desires

➤ Take action biblically...

- John 15:1-11 – Abide in Christ
- Eph 5:18/Gal 5:16 – Walk & be controlled by the Spirit
- Rom 13:14 – Make no provision for the flesh
- Psalm 119:9-11 – Meditate & heed the Word of God
- Matt 4:1-11 – Affirm the truth & priority of God's Word
- I Cor 10:13 – Acknowledge God has made a way of escape
- Prov 22:3 – Avoid situations that make temptation hard
- Matt 6:13 – Pray
- I Peter 1:13 – Guard yourself and your mind (I John 5:21)
- Prov 1:10 – Learn to say no

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