

God's Promise about Daily Temptation

The apostle says, "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it" (1 Cor.10:13). And so we know....,

- (1) We all face the same tests
- (2) God won't let them be more than we can handle
- (3) Our job is to find His escape route
- (4) With His help we can endure whatever comes our way.

Wonderful!

- by Robert Hines

Wrong Is Always Wrong

Wrong is wrong, even if you don't get caught. The eyes of the Lord are in every place.

Wrong is wrong, even if you do it for a good cause. The end never justifies the means. The honorable purpose does not justify a dishonorable deed or action.

Wrong is wrong, even if it doesn't bother the conscience. The conscience can be trained or educated to accept wrong-doing; even an honest sin or an evil done in sincerity is sinful in the sight of God. Whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap."

Wrong is wrong, even if it is commonly considered Acceptable. The bible says "Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil."

Wrong is always wrong despite our efforts to excuse our actions.

Remember, *there is never a right way to do wrong!*

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Seven Reasons Why I Attend Wednesday Nights

1. I desire to learn more about God's Word (John 6:44-45).
2. I love my brethren and desire their company (1 Peter 2:17).
3. I want to set the right example for my family and others(1 Corinthians 11:1). I believe that attending mid-week meetings is essential to have the best influence.
4. I desire to encourage the workers in the church; everyone knows that the workers will be present on Wednesday nights (Romans 14:19).
5. I attend because I want to have the attitude, "What more can I do?", rather than, "Do I have to do it?" (Romans 12:11).
6. I believe the first and greatest commandment: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind" (Matthew 22:37)
7. The Bible teaches that Jesus may come at any moment (Matthew 25:13). If He should come on Wednesday night, I want to be assembled with the brethren.

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"Most of the Time"

One day a preacher was talking to a man who was supposed to be a Christian. The man told the preacher that he went to church services "most of the time" and seemed to think this put him in good relationship with God. I personally know of many people who fall into that same category.

They “go to church” every now and then and expect that to fulfill their religious responsibilities and consider themselves faithful to God.

But think about a few things that we might put into that same perspective and then see what conclusions we might draw.

- What if a husband was faithful to his wife — or a wife faithful to her husband — most of the time?
- What if your car started most of the time?
- What if your heart beat most of the time?
- What if your children obeyed you most of the time?
- What if you received your paycheck most of the time?
- What if your water heater worked most of the time?

What are your conclusions about these things? Would that husband or wife be considered faithful? Would you be satisfied with that car? Would you worry about your heart? Would you conclude that these represent examples of being faithful?

I know I may sound like a preacher when I make this next statement but I hope you will consider it. If we wouldn't place those questions I gave as examples of being faithful, then why should one think he could please God by being “faithful” only part of the time?

Jesus calls for commitment. (Matthew 16.24) Christianity is not just part time. (Luke 9.23) He asks us to count the cost and follow Him. (Luke 14.26-33) He said that if we put our hand to the plow we are not to look back (Luke 9.62). Let us be faithful in assembling to worship with the saints.

- by Tony Lalli

Three Kinds of Christians

There are three kinds of Christians in any local congregation. Which kind are you?

1) There are those Christians you can always count on. When there is work to be done, when a volunteer is needed, when a need must be met, you can depend on these folks to step forward. They carry their own weight, and they help others carry theirs, too (Gal. 6:2,5). There is never a doubt about their commitment or dedication. Their obvious zeal serves as a positive source of encouragement to others. You just never are left to wonder where they stand - because they demonstrate their faith in every way. These Christians serve as the “core” of any faithful congregation. Without them, important work would never get done - crucial matters would be left unattended - the church simply would not do well. Thank God for all such brethren. **We should all strive to be one of these!**

2) There are some other Christians in the church that are absolutely “out of it.” They have little if any connection to the real work of the local congregation. They never are around if there is work to be done, and they simply DO NOT volunteer to help with the on-going efforts of the group. It is even impossible to count on these folks to attend the services regularly. Almost anything can serve as an excuse for them to miss the assemblies. And, if they don't even assemble faithfully, we wonder if they are really doing anything in service to the Lord.

3) There is yet another group that is in evidence in the local church. These are the ones who are “riding the fence.” They want to give the impression that they are faithful and involved, but in reality their lives are full of compromise. They vocally claim allegiance to Christ, but they can't be counted on to consistently put the kingdom first.

Our Lord described these three kinds of Christians as “hot,” “cold,” and “lukewarm” (Rev. 3:15,16). Which term describes YOU?

- by Greg Gwin