

TEMPTATION OF THE BELIEVER

1. There are three sources of temptation:
 - A. The world: Thought pattern temptation. Romans 12:2, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."
 - B. The flesh: The old sin nature. Romans 8.
 - C. The devil: Religion, false doctrine. John 8:44, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the Truth, because there is no Truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."
2. There is one source of sin: the old sin nature.
3. There are two areas of control in the believer's life:
 - A. Control of the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 5:18, "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit."
 - B. Control of the old sin nature. Romans 6.
4. Volition is the switch that decides.
5. There is nothing wrong in being tempted but ...
6. Everyone has different areas of temptation.
7. Sequence of action:
 - A. You are tempted.
 - B. You decide, volition, negative volition against God.
 - C. If, first class condition, this action or deed, is a sin (if and it is). Your decision puts you under the control of the old sin nature, even if you are ignorant of the fact that this deed was a sin.
 - D. Now you are under the control of the old sin nature, and you have committed an act of sin, and are dominated by the old sin nature.
8. To reverse this action:
 - A. You realize you are out of fellowship.
 - B. You know the Doctrine of Restoration, so the switch is flipped to positive.
 - C. You confess your sin and you are cleansed.
 - D. Now you are under the control of the Holy Spirit.
 - E. The Holy Spirit is God and God cannot sin.
9. **You cannot sin while under the control of the Holy Spirit.** You go negative at the point of temptation and come under the control of your old sin nature, at which point you sin.
10. **Front door to old sin nature control: volition and knowledge.** Back door to old sin nature control: Volition without knowledge. Ignorance of what sin really is. Both involve willful sin. Why? You can't sin without the exercise of your own free will, volition, negative.