

CHANNELS OF TEMPTATION

"For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." 1 John 2:16 KJV

	Lust of the flesh Appetites and Cravings	Lust of the eyes Self-interest. Things that are about me	The pride of Life Self-Promotion
Eve	Genesis 3:6 And the woman saw that the tree was good for food.	Genesis 3:6 And it was pleasant to the eyes	Genesis A tree to be desired to make one wise
Satan	Genesis 3:1 Yea, Hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?	Genesis 3:4 Ye shall not surely die:	Genesis 3:5 ...ye shall be as gods
Questions	Questions the will of God	Questions the word of God	Questions the worship Of God
Destroys	Your Dependence upon God	Your Confidence in God	Your Obedience to God
God	Matt 4:4 Man does not live by bread alone...but by every word of God Self-Satisfaction	Deuteronomy 6:16 "Ye shall not tempt the LORD your God, as ye tempted him in Massah." Self-Confidence	Deuteronomy 6:13 "Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name." Self-Worship

When you are tempted, see those temptations, not as a promise of something you want, but as Satan's disguised means of gaining some foothold in your mind, and then in your soul.

Temptations from without lack real power, unless there is a corresponding weakness/stronghold present within. Satan needs to connect his temptation with a weakness or stronghold already present within.

Temptations from without lack power unless there is a corresponding desire within. This explains Jesus' statement in John 14:30.

John 14:30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for **the prince of this world** cometh, and **hath nothing in me**.

In other words, there was no corresponding desire in Jesus to which Satan could hook his temptations.

Sonship Transformation helps you identify Satan's lie and shows how to replace the lie with the truth from God's word. This will remove those strongholds.

Note: Not every thought that comes into your mind is necessarily from you!

Means to overcome temptation

(A pattern of how to get the doctrine working in us)

Philippians 4:8

“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.”

What are the **true** things I should be thinking?

- I am dead to sin and alive unto God.
- Foe sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

What are the **honest** things I should be thinking?

- I can overcome sin
- I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me (includes sin) Phil 4:13
- I am no longer under the dominion of sin; I am free from pornography/sin and it's power over me. (This will be true if you have dealt with it in the *Sonship Transformation Teaching*.)

What are the **just** things I should be thinking?

When I think about justice, I think about what God has done to make this new identity true.

- Christ died for my sin
In His death, burial and resurrection Christ has done everything I need in order to have victory Over temptation and sin.

What are the **pure** things I should be thinking?

- I am the righteousness of God in Christ (JUEL)
- I and the holiness of God in Christ. (SUFL)
For me to give in to this temptation is not what I have been made to be. This is Satan's trick to get a foothold in me.

What are the **lovely** things I should be thinking?

- The life of Christ being lived in me moment by moment in the details of our life.
This is the attractive (Lovely) thing to think on; that when Satan knocks on your door with a temptation, send Jesus to answer the door. What could be more lovely than the life of Christ living being lived in us to deny any temptation?

What is the **good report** that I should be thinking?

When do we give a good report? At the Judgment seat of Christ. And what would be a good report at that time?

- If I judge myself, I will not be judged. (Judge that sin and put it behind you)
- I will not give in to temptation.
- I admit that I have failed in the past, but I am now living out of the victory that Christ has provided for me.
- My heavenly Father has given me free will and my love for Him is greater than the temptations before me; I want to be trusted by my Father that I will do His will. Suffering teaches this!

The answer is that we have judged ourselves so that we do not have to be judged at the JSOChrist.

The power of God's grace is resident in His word to deliver us from sin.

The best way Satan can trap believers by his temptations is for the believer to have first made room for him. And how do we make room for the devil? According to 2 Corinthians 4, when we harden our hearts, or choose not to believe the truth, we are making room for Satan.

Once we have taken back ourselves from the influence of the Adversary, and overcome his temptation, **“stand fast in the victory that Christ won.”**

People who are self-deceived are the hardest to help. They do not believe they are deceived and therefore they don't have a problem.

Note: The way of escape is always provided at the very beginning when the lie is first presented!

