

Faith that Works: Living Out of Your Beliefs
Confronting Temptation: From Desire to Deliverance

Heavenly Father,
Grant us strength to resist temptation.
Help us recognize the subtle ways it creeps into our life, disguising itself as something harmless or desirable.
Illuminate the areas of weakness within us when temptation finds fertile ground.
Forgive us for times that we have blamed you for our failures.
Lead and empower us to set boundaries in our life to avoid situations that compromise our integrity.
Give us wisdom to discern what is good in our life daily.
I want you to remind us of the consequences of sin as christians and disciples.
Fill our hearts with righteousness and obedience to your kingdom.
Help us find satisfaction in you so sin that tries to enter me loses its appeal.
Surround us with people that will encourage us and will hold us accountable.
Grant me perseverance, resilience and unwavering trust in your power to overcome.
In Jesus name, Amen.

"When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters."-James 1:13-16

Temptation comes from our own desire from a mix of sources. We get our temptation from the influence of the world around us. Youth and Young adults have a temptation problem in today's society. Whatever they see others doing certain things, they want to follow in their footsteps. Individuals need to worry about themselves and draft their own goals. We need to act our own individuals to follow our own path. We need to stop making decisions based on pride and leaning on our own understanding. If that person served time in prison, it does not mean encouraging others to follow down that path and run into trouble like them. We need to learn how to stay out of trouble because it will eliminate mental health in this country. More people can worry about themselves and their destiny by letting them live the right way in our life. People need to follow my footsteps on what I did through my hard work since my childhood. I stayed out of trouble, never arrested and locked up, knew who to be friends with, a career-oriented person with a three page resume of professional experience and higher education background. It is our choices how we respond to temptations.

How can we resist temptation and the world around us?

1. Pray to God to ask for strength and guidance.
2. Identify situations or thoughts that lead to temptation.
3. Focus on positive, uplifting thoughts
4. Talk to trusted friends, mentors and/or counselors.
5. Stay away from places or situations that make it hard to resist. '

6. Think about the negative outcomes of giving in
7. Engage in activities that bring you joy and fulfillment.
8. Reflect on verses that encourage strength and self-control.

Temptation is an invitation or urge to do something wrong. Sin is an act of giving in and doing the wrong things. Temptation is a test and sin is failure. We do not blame God and others for the choices we make in our life. I take responsibility for choices I make in my life because I made the decision to just settle myself here in Louisville and stop moving around. I will live in a nice and safe part of town. I will not move back to the West End in Louisville because I found out it is not a safe part of town when I was here in 2020 for one month and two months in 2021. The church will stay in Michigan, but the church will have a location established here in Louisville for church operations and helping the homeless. I like the Church to work and partner with St. Vincent DePaul in Louisville. We need to apply this scripture to our life by being aware of our desires and realizing they lead us astray. We need to start making the right decisions to resist our desires and temptation. It is all about understanding that we have the power to make good choices and not be led by our temptations. When a negative thought enters your mind, you need to immediately replace it with a positive one.

1. We need to read and study scripture regularly to help resist temptation as Christians.
2. We need to pray and seek fellowship with other believers as Christians and disciples.
3. We need to recognize the specific areas where you're most vulnerable to temptation.
4. We need to create plans to avoid and overcome temptation in our vulnerable areas.
5. We need to cultivate our self-control.
6. We need to find a trusted friend or mentor who can support and encourage you.
7. We need to remember God's grace.
8. We need to set boundaries for ourselves.
9. We need to engage in activities that take our minds off temptation like exercise and hobbies.

It is the 4th of July holiday and we need to be mindful of overindulgence in food and alcohol or getting caught up in envy or comparison. We need to focus on gratitude for our blessings and celebrate responsibly. On the 4th of July holiday, we need to take a moment to reflect on freedoms and blessings we enjoy and gratitude to them, put away distractions like your phone and fully engage in activities and conversations around you, moderate indulgence, spend quality time with loved ones, reflect on history, dispose of waste responsibly and minimize your impact on the environment, extend kindness and goodwill around you, fostering a sense of community and unity. We need to set boundaries for ourselves on the holiday by avoiding behaviors of overindulgence, plan and get involved with positive activities to leave less room for temptation, stay mindful, limit exposure to avoid temptation, focus on gratitude, pray and meditate.

Wickedness stems from their own desires, not God. God is not causing people to be wicked. It is them that causes them to be wicked and acting judgemental to other people. This happens among men at homeless shelters. Homeless men and women at homeless have their desires to be wicked and perform their anger and wicked ways. All homeless men and women care about at homeless shelters is meeting

new people and talking to anybody to be friends. That's why I stayed to myself at homeless shelters when I was in and out of homelessness in the past. I am the type of person that I am not going to be friends with. I did not do that at Star of Hope Mission in Houston while in the Spiritual Recovery Program.

I am excited to share a quick update about our church accessibility. We are setting up a dedicated PO Box for the church that the Board of Trustees will check regularly, which will make it easier for members and visitors to send correspondences, donations or anything else you like to share with us. We anticipate the PO Box will be up and running in the next 2-3 weeks. We will announce the specific address as soon as it is active, so keep an eye on the bulletin and our website for that information. Thank you for your continued support and patience as we put this in place.

"No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it."-1 Corinthians 10:13

After I was born again on September 4, 2011; I am no longer tempted or get tempted by the world because I confess and repent most of my past sins. I continue to confess and repent my sins to keep a pure and whole heart for God and the Holy Spirit. The world cannot tempt me because I do not love the world more than God and the Holy Spirit. When I catch myself with any temptation, I am able to escape from it with prayer and reading the bible daily. I do not lean on my own understanding by listening to people on earth. I continue to take advice from case management at Star of Hope Mission in Houston to give me wisdom. I do not let others on earth give me wisdom. Only people I encourage you to go for wisdom are your disciples and God's kingdom.

We need to pray to God and continue our life to God under God's grace. I do not let possessions in the world tempt me, including money. I do not live my life based on mammon. I am not a tax collector.

'Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.'-Matthew 26:41

People rather live their life by temptation because they are content to be living by the flesh. As a man of God and Bishop, I do not live by the flesh outside of church and praise God in church. Only thing I have to work on is contentment. That is why I will just let God use me and stay put here. I will not get involved in a spiritual program at any shelter not now or in the future. I just want to put that out there for future and present purposes. I want God to guide me as my personal savior and rock of my salvation, not the world and possessions in the world. I will settle myself here in Kentucky and may just headquarter the congregation here in Louisville and allow the Detroit church to be the secondary location.

"So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you"-James 4:7

1. Do not follow and be tempted to follow down the path of Lucifer.
2. Do not be a tax collector

3. Do not be tempted and live your life by mammon.
4. Stay away from sin, bondage, temptation, abomination and path of unrighteousness.
5. Read the bible daily and key scriptures so you can stay away and escape from temptation.
6. Serve God as a disciple and stewardship with gladness.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."-1 John 1:9

My grandmother on my mother's side of the family will be forgiven for her sins if she confesses and repents for what she did to my mother years ago during my mother's pregnancy. My grandmother is in denial about that today saying she did not kick my mother out of the house at age 19 when she was pregnant with me in the womb. Everyone in the family including my biological father side of the family knows that was the truth. My mother needs to repent and confess her sins because she let my grandmother make decisions for her before she kicked her out of the house. My mother already said that she was going to go over to stay with my biological father's side of the family and my grandmother back then did not let her. My mother needs to repent and confess her sins because it is like she had me out of wedlock. My mother and biological mother said that they were in love with each other while they were dating and she doesn't love my stepfather. My grandmother told my mother and stepfather to marry each other trying to make life decisions for her. Everything needs to be blamed on my grandmother because she was too controlling back then when my mother, aunts and uncles were young and did not want them to make their own life decisions. When I read this scripture, I believe my mother and grandmother still need to purify their hearts from all unrighteousness. Tell the person next to you and say God is faithful.

When a woman is pregnant by a man, I believe they need to take responsibility and marry her and not be forced to marry someone else. You have people like my grandmother telling my mother and biological father saying they could not see each other any more. That is the truth and my grandmother needs to repent and confess that to God to purify her heart from all unrighteousness from present and past sins. My grandmother on my mother's side of the family is in denial about that too based on facts. Sorry to bring this up but I had to because it is the 100% truth for some people on my mother's side of the family to purify their hearts and minds from unrighteousness.

When I read Proverbs 4:14-15, I do not walk in the path of the wicked. When I see anyone on the street that is wicked and has anger issues, I just mind my own business and let God be the judge and judge those people. I let God perish those people. I pray for those wicked people that I saw in the New York City area that cursed out ordinary people walking on the streets for no reason. I believe those wicked people and anger issues. I make sure I do not travel with evil and wicked around me on a greyhound bus or Amtrak. When I read 1 Corinthians 6:18-20, I think about how women need to make better choices in this dating pool because people are shallow. Women need to stay away from wild parties, bars and clubs to avoid rape and unexpected pregnancies in the long run. What happened to the time men and women

used to get to know each other first for some years, decided to get married and have children. That is how First Lady Jennifer and I did it. First Lady Jennifer says she will be here to move in and join me on July 28, 2025 because I need her assistance to make sure I stick to my low-fat diet because I have autoimmune pancreatitis. She doesn't want me to continue to harm my body and make my preexisting condition worse. Women need to stop being tempted by the world and honor their bodies to the Holy Spirit and God's kingdom.

Read and memorize Romans 13:14

Read and memorize Galatians 5:16

This is the important scripture that youth and children need to memorize and read daily on 2 Timothy 2:22. As a Christians and disciples, we need to help people that are being tempted by the world like it says in Hebrews 2:18. Hebrews 2:18 is a good scripture to read if you are homeless at a homeless shelter it is struggling and suffering. Hebrews 2:18 is a good scripture to read while you are a homeless person that is suffering because they still lean on their own understanding, make decisions based on pride, live by the flesh and sin, worry about what others are doing and being envious towards others that they do not know. Even people with mental health and anger issues at homeless shelters lean on their own understanding and make decisions based on pride. As an independent, 44% for the Republicans and 32% for Democrats heading to 2026 midterm elections. The Membership Development Ministry Director and staff says the 59.9% women members and 40.1% men members based on their membership database since 2014. My congregation started out with more men and less women.