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How To Overcome Temptation

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"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."
(Ps. 119:11)

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you." (James 4:7)

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way of escape, that ye may be able to bear it." (1 Cor. 10:13)

"Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation . . ." (Matt. 26:41)

Not only does the Bible warn us about the dangers of temptation, but it also gives us information on how to overcome it as well. If you will put into practice the items mentioned above, you will be more successful at overcoming the temptations brought against us by the devil and thus be able to draw closer to God.

Was Peter The First Pope?

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1. Peter was a married man. (Mk.1:29-31; 1 Cor. 9:5)
2. Peter refused to accept worship. (Acts 10:25-26)
3. Peter was not infallible in religious matters. (Gal. 2:11-14)
4. There is no evidence that Peter had any more authority than the other apostles.
(2 Cor.11:5: Gal. 2:9)
5. There is no evidence that Peter ever went to the city of Rome.

If Peter was the first pope, then he was very different from the popes of today "who are not married, who freely accept worship, who claim infallibility in religious matters, who claim even to have authority of Christ on earth, and who live in the city of Rome."

Where Have We Drawn The Line?

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In Philippians 2:5-8, we read of how Jesus "... became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." What this tells me about Jesus is that when it came to doing His Father's will, He "drew no line" as to how far he would go in "obeying His Father". Paul began these verses by saying "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus". He then proceeds to tell us how Jesus obeyed His Father "even unto the death of the cross." Is this the same mind that we as Christians have today? Think about the following illustrations and make the necessary applications to your life.

- "I will live as a Christian ought to live, but if someone begins to tell me how I should dress, then that's where I draw the line." (1 Tim. 2:9 says that women should "adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety . . .".)
- "I don't go out and get drunk, but if someone tells me that I can't drink socially, then that's where I draw the line." (Paul said in Ephesians 5:18: "Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." Also 1 Peter 4:3 condemns social drinking with the use of the word "banquetings" or in the NASV translation "drinking parties".)
- "I don't go to the casinos or to bingo parties, but if someone tells me I can't play the lotteries, then that is where I draw the line." (1 Thessalonians 5:22 says that we should "abstain from all appearance of evil.")
- "I attend the services on Sunday morning, take the Lord's supper, and lay by in store. But if someone suggest that I should attend all the services of the local church, then that's where I draw the line." (Hebrews 10:25 says "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhort one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.")

ARE WE AS CHRISTIANS DRAWING TOO MANY LINES? (THINK . . .)