

How to Live Victoriously Over Temptation

Question: Who Told You That You Were Naked?

Genesis 3:11

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Genesis 3:11, *And he said, “Who told you that you were naked?”*

What Others Are Saying About Temptation

“As the most dangerous winds may enter at little openings, so the devil never enters more dangerously than by little unobserved incidents, which seem to be nothing, yet insensibly open the heart to great temptations.”

– John Wesley

“Satan gives Adam an apple, and takes away Paradise. Therefore in all temptations let us consider not what he offers, but what we shall lose.”

– Richard Sibbes

“Every time you defeat a temptation, you become more like Jesus!”

– Rick Warren

“Temptation is the devil looking through the keyhole. Yielding is opening the door and inviting him in.”

– Billy Sunday

“The riches of His free grace cause me daily to triumph over all the temptations of the wicked one, who is very vigilant, and seeks all occasions to disturb me.”

– George Whitefield

Benefits of Living in Obedience

Psalms 103:2 (NKJV), *Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits.*

1. You Will Receive an Eternal Reward

James 1:12, *Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.*

2. Gain Divine Approval and Blessing

Matthew 4:10–11, *Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’” Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.*

3. Spiritual Character is Developed

Romans 5:3-4, *Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope.*

4. Walk in Freedom and Liberty

John 8:34, *Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin."*

5. Enjoy Peace with God

Acts 24:16, *So I strive always to keep my conscience clear before God and man.*

6. Supernatural Deliverance

1 Corinthians 10:13, *No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.*

7. Qualify for Spiritual Promotion

Luke 16:10, *"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much."*

8. Avoid Dangerous and Costly Consequences

Galatians 6:7, *Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.*

9. Your Integrity Becomes a Living Testimony

Matthew 5:16, *"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."*

10. Enjoy Intimacy with God

James 4:7-8, *Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.*

In case you missed it...

Answers:

1. Reward
2. Approval
3. Character
4. Freedom
5. Enjoy
6. Deliverance
7. Promotion
8. Costly
9. Testimony
10. Intimacy