

“Blessed are the Pure in Heart”

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

1 Corinthians 10:6-13
Hebrews 4:15

SERMON NOTES

I. Strategies for Resisting Moral Compromise

A. The Sources and Nature of Temptation

1. Three Sources of Temptation, (Eph. 2:1-2)

1 John 2:15

John 8:44

Romans 7:18

B. Three Characteristics of Temptation

1. #1 - Temptation works because it often *looks* good

Genesis 3:6

2. #2 - Temptation *works because targets* our lack of spiritual focus

Luke 22:31

Luke 22:19-23

Luke 22:24-30

Luke 22:34

3. Temptation *works because it operates in secrecy*

John 3:20

John 9:5

C. Jesus: Our Perfect Example of Resistance

1. Seeing the Wilderness Temptations for Satan's Perspective

Matthew 4:1–11

1 Timothy 6:9

Philippians 2:3

James 4:17

D. Biblical Strategies for Overcoming Temptation

1. Spiritual Vigilance

1 Peter 5:8

2. Use Scripture as a Sword

Ephesians 6:17

Job 31:1

Luke 12:15

Matthew 5:3

3. “Don’t Flirt, Flee!”

Genesis 39:12

Genesis 3:9

4. Be Cautious with Your Thoughts

Proverbs 4:23

Philippians 4:8

E. Pitfalls to Avoid

1. Over-Confidence – (1 Corinthians 10:12)

2. Minimizing ‘Small’ Sins - (Luke 16:10)

3. Spiritual Isolation – (Proverbs 18:1)

