



**COMMUNITY SERVICE BASED
CHRISTIAN CELEBRATION**

2012 Feb 5

***Helping our community with caring love while enabling them to
find and follow Jesus!***

Church for people disillusioned with church, who want to make a difference!

True love and caring . . .

Romans 12:9-17

Love must be honest and true. Hate what is evil. Hold on to what is good. Love each other deeply. Honor others more than yourselves. Never let the fire in your heart go out. Keep it alive. Serve the Lord. When you hope, be joyful. When you suffer, be patient. When you pray, be faithful. Share with God's people who are in need. Welcome others into your homes.

Bless those who hurt you. Bless them, and do not call down curses on them. Be joyful with those who are joyful. Be sad with those who are sad. Agree with each other. Don't be proud. Be willing to be a friend of people who aren't considered important. Don't think that you are better than others.

Don't pay back evil with evil. Be careful to do what everyone thinks is right. If possible, live in peace with everyone. Do that as much as you can.

Agenda (see news letter)

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Gathering / Communicating Community needs	10 min
Gathering prayer needs	5 min
Prayer for community and praying for needs	15 min
Short Message/ Discussion /Helpful thoughts to remember from the bible	30 min
Gathering of the monetary contributions for the community work (tithes)	5 min
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Needs News/ feedback from Cuba

- Person who received it was completely surprised
- Unable to go back to university, has damaged eyes
- Once the internet available he can continue his studies.
- Very happy /in shock with being given the computer.

Notes on Needs

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See website

Sort message/ discussion

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**Can God
Tempt us?**





“You mustn't always believe what I say.

Questions tempt you to tell lies, particularly when there is no answer.”

Pablo Picasso

How do we view the reality of temptations?

How do we dealt with temptation?

Let us consider the types of temptations people have. . .

Unnecessary pampering of myself
(massages, food, money, cars, clothes)

Allowing myself to get angry with a jerk
who is annoying me. . .

Deciding I know
better than wiser
people because "they
just don't understand"

Considering others as JERKS, because
they ARE of COURSE...right?

Not doing for a
person in need
because it takes me
away from doing
things for myself

Stuffing food into
myself because I like
it! (Ice cream,
chocolate, candy,
etc.)

Ignoring
someone,
simply

Over-
committing to
please others
and ourselves!

Making excuses to
not do something
because it's just too
much effort for now!

Failing to
give people
who need it
our time,
and then
wasting it
on
ourselves!

Avoiding
being
honest with
others!

Secretly
planning to
undermine
another
persons
authority!

Wanting the
latest
electronic
gadget
because it's so
cool!!

Knowing I
know better,
always!

Drinking alcohol
incorrectly
(underage,
excessively)

UnGodly sex plans!

Manipulating others?

Read Horoscopes?
Putting ourselves down,
With the objective of looking
humble!

Lying to get
out of
trouble?

Temptation

Desire

Intertwined

Yes / no ?

Desires drive needs, and needs drive action!

Right?

***Some desires are good. . .
Some are not ...***

Right?



Action

Need

Desire,

Wrong desires seems to give strength to temptations, don't they?

James comment. . .

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desire and temptation go together as a terrible twosome.

WE do SO love blaming others
for OUR failings don't we?

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This seems a bit harsh doesn't it?

Doesn't God put desires in our hearts? So it only stands to reason that if he allows us to have desires, then God himself is responsible for our temptation isn't he?

If Eve never allowed herself to **desire** the fruit in the garden of Eden, **Satan's attempts to tempt her** in his disagreement with God **would have failed miserably.**

God does not tempt us!

Our sinful desires lead us into temptation.

So, the key aspect to doing what is right in our lives is not avoiding temptation,
but disabling temptation!

Internet ... Mar 31, '10, 1:37 pmschulze43
....SAYS...

One of my friends and I recently were discussing the difference between temptation and desire and we really couldn't figure out how to differentiate between the two.

The best we came up with would be that they go hand in hand, but the question that we were wondering is **when does temptation turn into a sin through desiring to do something bad.**

For example; if I am tempted to go out and have sex with someone and I want to do it, but I say that I will not do it, was I merely tempted to do it, or did I sin through my desire to do it?

any thoughts???



“But
I tell you that
anyone who
looks at a
woman
lustfully has
already
committed
adultery with
her in his
heart.

Matthew 5:28NIV

God also taught us : You shall not commit adultery!

....ANSWERS....

Hmm...good question!

I don't know the answer for sure, but I think the desire is the temptation. **Temptation is not wrong...we can't completely avoid it**. But resisting our inappropriate desires..that is, not acting on them...is resisting temptation. No?

That being said, not all desire is wrong. Sometimes we desire good things. So, not all desires are temptations. Only the inappropriate ones.

the way I've understood it, - if you feel a desire for something, but you don't want to feel that way and you fight against it, you are resisting temptation

Temptation is not sinful, we all are tempted, **it becomes sinful when you say yes to the temptation**, and either entertain the thought or go through with your desire(your example), and if you want to but don't, well I believe that would be sinful.(in your example)

In this case when talking about the temptation of lust, the temptation is that initial thought. Desire is when you become aware of the lustful thought and instead of trying to rid yourself of the thought (prayer works for me!) you allow that thought to play out in your mind. **Temptation is not sin, desire would be.**

By removing sinful desires, the ability to tempt is stopped before it starts.

This is something we can do ourselves!

It is not necessary to wait for the temptation and then resist it.

We can work on having the correct desires *before* we arrive at the point of temptation.

God explains in the bible what he expects us to do...

But the fruit of the Spirit is **love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control**. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. **Galatians 5:22 NIV**

Can God Tempt us?

Building the right desires is something we need to actively do! We need to be *passionate* and *chase the right goals!* Our desires should be *aligned* with God's Holy Spirit's leading in our life.

Then temptation will have little effect on us! *God doesn't tempt us,* our evil desires do. Let's eradicate those evil desires today.

That's my plan, what's yours?

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