

## Conscience and Temptation

1 Corinthians 10

Common temptations and truths

How can I best guard against sin?

How can I most glorify God?

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

### Considerations for the week

What is the relationship between idolatry and temptation?

Describe what idolatry looks like in the lives of 21<sup>st</sup> century Americans, Christians and others.

Review the first part of 1 Corinthians 10. Paul refers to an incident in Numbers 21:4-9. What is this story meant to teach us about following Christ?

In other passages, Paul acknowledges his own sinfulness, yet here he tells us to imitate him as he imitates Christ. What perspectives and insights can this give us as we strive to understand and to live out our own call to ministry?

Read the quotations below and comment on the interplay of the viewpoints.

Consider your own spirituality. What are some areas where you've progressed in imitating Christ? Seek the Spirit's guidance for areas you are to address soon.

*Please use these considerations for personal reflection, small group discussions, and with friends and family.*

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



**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.**  
— 1 Corinthians 9:19, NIV

Scripture read today during worship:

[1 Corinthians 10](#)

[Number 23:19](#)

[Isaiah 40:8](#)

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**We're glad you came.**

Today's order of service

Prelude

Call to worship

Hymn number 2 in the hymnal  
*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Confession and assurance

Hymn, *Forever*

Hymn  
*There's Nothing that Our God Can't Do*

Offertory reading

Hymn, *Purified*

Message

Hymn of response, number 439 in the hymnal  
*Cleanse Me*

Benediction

Postlude

**I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;  
he heard my cry for mercy.  
Because he turned his ear to me,  
I will call on him as long as I live.**

**The cords of death entangled me,  
the anguish of the grave came over me;  
I was overcome by distress and sorrow.  
Then I called on the name of the LORD:  
"LORD, save me!"**

**The LORD is gracious and righteous;  
our God is full of compassion.**

**The LORD protects the unwary;  
when I was brought low, he saved me.**

**Return to your rest, my soul,  
for the LORD has been good to you.  
For you, LORD, have delivered me from death,  
my eyes from tears,  
my feet from stumbling,  
that I may walk before the LORD  
in the land of the living.**

– Psalm 116:1-9, NIV

**Young adult conversion** and study – Saturday evenings.  
Contact Donald for details.

You're invited to join us in **prayer**, Wednesday evenings at 6:30 in the church parlor.

**Vacation Bible School**

June 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm, age 2 thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade.  
Spark your imagination and kick your creativity into high gear. VBS 2022 is headed to Spark Studios™ where kids will discover that their creativity is a gift from the infinitely creative Creator who designed them for His glory.



**Young internationals** study and supper – Saturday evenings.  
Contact Komal and Blessy for details.

**Cookies & Coffee**

after the benediction in the Parlor

**Zelle!**

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**Stuff we need for VBS**

**Egg cartons**  
plastic or styrofoam,  
not biodegradable

**Old CDs and DVDs**  
We're not going to listen to them . . . we just want round shiny things for art projects.

**Bottled water**  
8 oz size