

## UNDERSTANDING AND DEALING WITH TEMPTATION

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Signs That One is Being Tempted – Part 2 (James 1:13-14, Galatian 5:17, Romans 7:21-23)

Sign #3: <u>You consider the idea of sinning against others to obtain or maintain</u> — When being tempted, you will find that what you treasure in the wrong way has become something that entices you to be unloving towards others in order to apprehend or maintain.

- A. You may find yourself enticed to *manipulate* others in order to apprehend or maintain what you treasure in the wrong way.
- B. You may find yourself enticed to <u>mistreat</u> others in order to apprehend or maintain what you treasure in the wrong way.
- C. You may find yourself enticed to <u>serve</u> others so that you may apprehend or maintain what you treasure in the wrong way.
- D. You may find yourself enticed to **dominate** others in order to apprehend or maintain what you treasure in the wrong way.
- E. You may find yourself enticed to <u>disrespect</u> others in order to apprehend or maintain what you treasure in the wrong way.

Sign #4: <u>If you do not resist the temptation, you follow through in sin to obtain or to maintain</u> – When following through on your temptation, you will find yourself compromising your obedience to God and love for others while seeking to apprehend or maintain what you treasure in the wrong way.

- A. You will have ungodly *convictions* as you are seeking to apprehend or maintain what you treasure in the wrong way.
- B. You may find yourself making ungodly *commitments* as you are seeking to apprehend or maintain what you treasure in the wrong way.
- C. You may find yourself having ungodly <u>conduct</u> as you are seeking to apprehend or maintain what you treasure in the wrong way.

- D. You may find yourself having ungodly *conversation* as you are seeking to apprehend or maintain what you treasure in the wrong way.
- E. You may find yourself walking in ungodly <u>communion</u> with others as you are seeking to apprehend or maintain what you treasure in the wrong way.

**Key Point**: When one is being tempted, one is enticed to pursue an ungodly agenda that is bent on personal satisfaction at all cost. As one acts on this agenda there will be sinful compromises in thoughts, agendas, words, actions or relationships in order to obtain personal satisfaction at all cost.