

UNDERSTANDING AND DEALING WITH TEMPTATION

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The Steps to Applying the Biblical Approach to Dealing with Temptation - Part 3

(James 4:7-10)

Step 4: Detox from the Lusts of Your Heart

- A. Discipline yourself to say **no** to satisfying the lust of your heart. (1 Peter 4:1-2)
- B. Learn to live with the <u>physical pain</u> that comes from denial, disappointment, difficulty, and dishabituation (stopping a way of doing something) in relation to turning away from the lustful desires that have captivated your heart above obedience to God. (1 Peter 4:1-2)
- C. Learn to live with the <u>emotional pain</u> that comes from denial, disappointment, difficulty, and dishabituation (stopping a way of doing something) in relation to turning away from the lustful desires that have captivated your heart above obedience to God. (1 Peter 4:1-2)

Step 5: Develop in Your Obedience to God to Overcome the Lusts of Your Heart

- A. Discipline yourself to <u>submit</u> to the roles and responsibilities God has called and empowered you to walk in with the purpose of pleasing God accordingly.

 (James 4:7-10, Philippians 2:12-13)
- B. Learn to live with the <u>physical pain</u> that comes from the inconveniences, afflictions, and hardships of training in obedience to God in character and service. (Romans 5:1-5, James 1:2-4, 2 Corinthians 4:7-18)
- C. Learn to live with the <u>emotional pain</u> that comes from the inconveniences, afflictions, and hardships of training in obedience to God in character and service.

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Step 6: Delight in the Presence of God to Overcome the Lusts of Your Heart

- A. Learn to expect and enjoy the <u>comfort</u> and <u>refreshment</u> that comes from God as result of being His Sheep. (Psalm 23)
- B. Learn to expect and enjoy the *fullness of joy* that comes from walking in obedience to God. (Psalm 16:11)
- C. Learn to expect and enjoy the <u>satisfaction</u> that comes from walking in obedience to God. (Psalm 16:11)

The Overall Big Picture

- Step 1 <u>Discern</u> the lusts of your heart
- Step 2 *Divulge* the lusts of your heart and the corollary sins that have come with it accordingly
- Step 3 <u>Detach</u> from the lusts of your heart and the corollary sins that have come with it accordingly
- Step 4 <u>Detox</u> from the lusts of your heart and the corollary sins that have come with it accordingly
- Step 5 *Develop* in obedience to God in character and service accordingly
- Step 6 *Delight* in presence of God and the benefits that come in His presence