

# Tempted but Not Giving In

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Mark 14:38 *Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter*  
1 Cor 10:13 *No temptation has you in its*  
Heb 2:18 *Because he himself suffered He is*  
Heb 11:40 *God having provided some better*  
Heb 12:2 *Looking unto Jesus the author and*

1. Everyone is tempted in some way as each day begins—it is a *common* experience but *not giving in* is an *uncommon* result.
2. God promises to help us get through and not give in to temptation when we call on the name of Jesus.
3. Temptations *met right* perfect our faith in *Christ right*.
4. Any type of temptation must be met as the Word of God instructs—and He promises WEY 1 Corinthians 10:13
5. *“No temptation has you in its power but such as is common to human nature; and God is faithful and will not allow you to be tempted beyond your strength.”*
6. Our part is to *resist* so God can furnish the *power to* resist. We are tempted to see if we will place *God’s Word first*.
7. Every difficult situation; every offensive person; every failure or loss that comes our way

will be a test of our obedience to the *Word* of God.

8. Being tempted is a common experience, but for the believer, there is a *power source* to help get us through without giving in.

9. God knows if we are able to resist, so He will not allow the temptation to be beyond our ability to stand firm. God will also provide an escape path as we continue to depend on Him to get us through successfully.

10. Many in the Bible were tempted to *fear* what could happen, rather than *confidently* trust in the One who would prevent it *from* happening.

11. A serious storm arises as the disciples are in a boat with Jesus. They are not prepared to face it in true *faith and* so react in great *fear*. Matthew 8:25 *“Lord, save us: we perish.”*

12. They call out to Jesus who He calms the storm with a word—and asking AV Matthew 8:26 *“Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith?”*

13. Their reply reveals their lack of knowing who controls the storms of life. AV Matthew 8:27 *“What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!”* They did not really know that He was God incarnate.

#### 14. 3 points to remember:

- 1/ God is able to calm any storm we face
- 2/ Jesus gives us peace in the midst of them
- 3/ We will get thru because Jesus has *“All power”*

15. We focus not on the *situation* but on the *Savior*—who never forsakes us. Jesus is with us *through* the storm—so we are to reject any fear.

16. Jesus promises AV John 14:27 *“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you.”*

17. The *intensity* of the storm is no match for the Lord who has been given *all power* in heaven and on earth.

18. By focusing on God and quoting His promises, we navigate through the storms with His *wisdom* and with the *peace* Jesus gives.

19. Any storm encountered gives two choices—focus on the *situation*; or focus on the *Savior*.

20. Trusting in Jesus gives assurance that the storm will not overpower the One in whom we trust. Jesus is with us along the way and is able to change any *situation* or give any *solution* needed. We just keep our faith in Him to do what He has promised.

20. Anything we need to do or accomplish will involve a learning curve and some study to complete it successfully.

21. In a similar way, temptations are *met* so spiritual *learning* takes place. And it is the most valuable information we could obtain—really *knowing* the living God.

22. Jesus told us AV Mark 14:38 *“Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.”*

23. Dealing with any temptation according to the *Word of God* refines our faith in the *Son of God*.

24. NIV Hebrews 2:18 *“Because [Jesus] himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.”*

25. Our life began with *no* knowledge of God and *no* desire to trust Him—therefore temptations, various tests, and spiritual lessons are met so we will learn about our Creator—what His *power* will do when we trust Him in faith to do them.

26. These *learning sessions* are called *serious temptations* or *difficult trials*, but the condition of knowing *nothing* about what God *will* do, has to be changed to knowing *much* about what God *wants* to do—when our trust is totally on Him to protect, provide, heal, and guide us through the storms of life.

**27.** Jesus is the *King* of our life when the Word of God is the *guide* of our life.

**28.** If self is still in control—divine power is hindered. AV **John 12:24** “*Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.*”

**29.** Knowledge of God is not learned in a day—we have to enroll in His school with the desire to *learn* from the various trials and tests along the way. It takes a commitment to *learn*, and it takes a desire to *know* what God will do.

**30.** Any *outward* show of godliness with no *inward* trust on God is being a Pharisee. True faith in God eliminates any dependence on self.

**31.** The living Word of God is a shining light on our path and must be followed closely. Real temptations are recorded in the Bible to encourage us.

**32.** Hebrews 11:37-39 tells us that believers in the Bible *were stoned, tempted, and slain—they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy:)*—

**33.** *And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise.*”

**34.** They lived up to the *Word of God* and were trained by the *power of God* for greater blessings—which He has for anyone whose faith remains on Him.

**35.** AV **Hebrews 11:40** “*God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.*”

**36.** Real *temptations* test real *faith*—proving whether our trust is truly on God or not. Being tempted and getting through it without giving in just proves we are AV **Hebrews 12:2** “*Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith.*”

**37.** Jesus knows exactly what anyone is going through—NKJV **Hebrews 12:3** “*For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against*

*Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.*”

**38.** He knows what we are facing and will help get through, so we do *not* get discouraged.

**39.** Being tempted is a test to see if we will *serve* God in faith or *swerve from* God in fear; it will prove if we will *hold to* the Word of God or *cave to* the pressure of the world.

**40.** Three Hebrews were seriously tempted to cave to the pressure of a ruthless dictator.

**41.** They had no lawyer, could not appeal the sentence, and had no Supreme Court to intervene. They would have to disobey God’s Word or burn to death in a furnace. They could escape the fate by giving in and following the crowd.

**42.** To escape a horrible form of death they just had to bow to an image in mock worship. If they gave in, they would walk away unharmed—if they held to their faith, they would be thrown into a fiery furnace.

**43.** Everything in the Christian life is to be done by depending on the power of God. NKJV **John 6:63** “*It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing.*”

**44.** It is because AV **1 Corinthians 1:29** “*no flesh should glory in his presence.*” All honor, glory, and praise must go to God alone.

**45.** This full dependence on the divine power of God concerns everything—our finances, our loved ones, employment issues, training of children, protection from harm, and everything that is part of everyday life.

**46.** We are tempted as a test to see if the *self-way* of the world is *dead* in us, and the *divine-way* through the *Spirit* of God is *alive* in us. And our reply to anything that is *tempting* us must be the Hebrews’ reply.

**47.** They boldly said to this brutal king AV **Daniel 3:16** “*We are not careful to answer thee in this matter. 17 If it be so, our God whom we serve is*

*able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.*

**48.** **18** “*But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.*”

**49.** The gateway to God’s blessings is right *here* in their reply. Anyone who enters God’s kingdom, will pass through that *same gate of faith*.

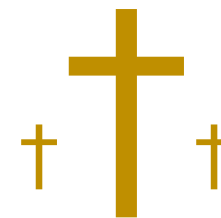
**50.** Jesus said AV **Matthew 20:16** “*many be called, but few chosen.*” We have His orders AV **Matthew 7:13** “*Enter ye in at the strait gate,*” because the other one leads to the flames!

**51.** Everyone must face being *tempted* but must *not* give in to it—and as long as that situation is presented—and we must face it *persistently* and *diligently!*

**52.** We are to be NKJV **2 Peter 1:10** “*Even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things [being tempted but still trusting God], you will never stumble!*”

**53.** There is a very good reason for being tempted but *not* giving in—

**54.** **11,** “*For so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*”



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