

When to RUN and When to RESIST!

When you are tempted to do something you know is wrong, what do you do? (place an X on the line scale)

I usually give in

I usually resist

Complete the following sentences:

If I were tempted to cheat on a test, I would...

If I were to find a pornographic magazine, I would...

If I felt my parents were being unfair to me, I would...

If my friends decided to do something wrong, I would...



We all face temptations to do wrong things. How do these verses describe the right response to temptation?

Proverbs 4:14,15: _____

2 Timothy 2:22: _____

1 Timothy 6:10-11: _____

Temptation is not to be resisted, it is to be fled from.

Give an example of a common temptation and how someone could **flee** from it:

FLEE!

Satan is not to be fled from, but to be actively resisted.

How does 1 Peter 5:8-9 describe the relationship between the devil and Christians?

How are believers to respond to the devil? (verse 9)

What does the Bible say happens when we resist the devil? (See James 4:7)

Turn to Matthew 4:1-11 to see how Jesus resisted the devil.

Jesus applied three principles in speaking to the devil that we can also apply

1. Address him directly
2. Command him to leave (or cease his activities in your area)
3. Remind him of the authority by which you command him: God's Word

Do you need to be a spiritually mature Christian to resist the devil?

No, but you must understand the power of God's Word over Satan and who you are in Christ.

You are merely exercising your authority as a child of God over the devil.

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Remember that God will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able (1 Cor. 10:13).

RESIST!

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