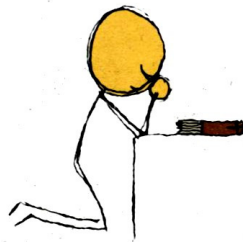




Learning to Pray Like Jesus
Lead Us Not Into Temptation
Matthew 6:9-13 Pg 685

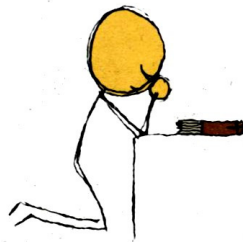
The Content Of The Prayer

- **Temptation:** to solicit to evil
Gen 3:1-5
- **Trial / Test:** to undergo trial, testing or pressure to approve
1 Peter 1:6-7



Our Prayer...

God, I know that sometimes it is your will to purify me, test me, stretch me and make me better. But I'm asking you when those times come (and I pray they don't!) that you move me through them safely to the other side!



Principles of Trials / Testing

- *God “tests” us ... He never “tempts” us*

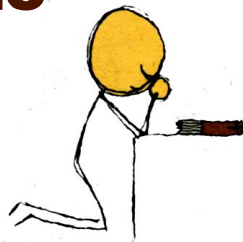
James 1:13

- *When God “tests” us it is always for the purpose of making us better*

James 1:2-4

- *When you are being tested the question to ask is **WHAT** ... not **WHY!***

James 1:5



Principles of Temptation

- **Temptation is not just difficulty. It always involves solicitation to evil**

James 1:13

- **Temptation comes from 1 of 4 places**

James 1:2-4

>Satan or demonic influences

Eph 6:12

>Internal desire

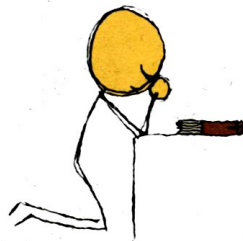
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>World or Circumstances

1Jn 2:16

>Other people

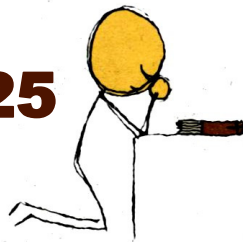
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Principles Common To Both

- **Jesus understands trials and temptations**
Heb 4:15
- **God always provides a way of escape**
1Co 10:13
- **Both Come in “Seasons” of opportunity**
Luke 4:1
- **Both are temporary**

Prov 10:25



A Strategy For Troubled Times

- *Determine if it is a trial ... or temptation*
- *Ask God for wisdom and strength to respond*
- *Look for an example from Jesus or others in the Bible*
- *Hide the Word of God in your heart to help*
- *Interrupt the temptation EARLY*
- *Build a support team*
- *Hold on ... and Hold out for it to pass!*

