



Temptation

... Blessing or Curse

No one enjoys being tempted. It is hard to deal with. Why would anyone want to be tempted with evil? It seems that all Christians would desire to live life without any temptations - ever! But we don't hear this in the Bible.

Peter wrote: "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be fired with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:7).

This is something different! Our trials and temptations (if we overcome them) are considered praise and honor and glory to God. To some this may be hard to grasp, that we should enjoy it when we have the opportunity to defeat Satan's snares, and we should consider ourselves blessed when we suffer for Christ.

The purest gold is the most expensive, isn't it? And how is it made pure? Through fire. Goldsmiths put the gold into the fire several times so that the fire burns away the impurities. This is the same with Christianity: each trial, each choice, each temptation that I endure as a Christian makes me more beautiful in the sight of God!

How do we look at temptations? Do we look at it as another grueling time in our life or an opportunity to bring glory to God?

- Sean Carratt, Livingston, TN - via *Bulletin Digest* -

Give and Take

Life is often a matter of giving and taking. But with what spirit do we give - or take? The British author, Elizabeth Bibesco, once said, "Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting."

Accomplishing that will require some practice, won't it? Giving something to another person or to God's church, and not remembering the act may go against our nature. Yet, when we can give without remembering or without begrudging what we gave, the giving can become habitual and instill a feeling of joy.

So try to remember the happiness of giving, but forget the occasion of doing so.

On the other hand, most of us are recipients of gifts given and good deeds done by others. Remember with gratitude those blessings. Savor the joy they aroused in us and be grateful for the givers.

Give without remembering. Take without forgetting. These are clues for better living.

- Author Unknown -

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THE HOMELESS

A **fugitive** is one who is running from home.

A **vagabond** is one who has no home.

A **stranger** is one away from home, and

A **pilgrim** is one on his way home.

- Author Unknown -

Sin is a very short word with a very long sentence!

News & Notes

SYMPATHY: To the family and friends of **Jim Mick** who passed away last week. His funeral will be **Saturday, Oct. 27th** at the St. Clair Avenue church building due to the power outage here in Chester.

NEW CONVERT CLASS: Each Sunday a.m. Bible Class in Room 401.

CARE & SHARE BEARS: Each Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. All ladies are invited to participate.

MEN'S ENRICHMENT CLASS: Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. for 1 hour. Men, come fellowship and study together with other men of the church.

GOSPEL MEETING & LECTURES:

Hanoverton**Oct. 21-25 (Mon-Thur - 7:30 p.m.)**.....Will Montgomery
WV School of Preaching Lectures.....**Oct. 21-25**.....Different Speakers

POWER OUTAGE SCHEDULED FOR CHESTER: Next Saturday, Oct. 27th, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY: For all ages. **Next Saturday, Oct. 27th, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.** at the Fellowship Building. Costumes required. **R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, Oct. 24th.** Anyone wanting to help defray the cost, see Dean or Sandy Spencer.

LADIES INSPIRATION DAY: Saturday, Nov. 3rd, Hanoverton Church of Christ. **Registration: 8:15-9:00 a.m.** Topic: "God's Supermarket." Speakers: Karen Taylor, Tam Raynor and Danielle Burch. Lunch provided. R.S.V.P. requested.

MEMBER VISITS: Elders and Minister visits with members can be scheduled in your home or to meet here at the building by signing the sheet on the desk.

PANTRY: Vegetable beef & tomato soups.

TO HAVE SURGERY: Nancy Hadley will have shoulder replacement surgery, **Thursday, Nov. 8th** at The Surgical Hospital at Southwoods, Youngstown, OH.

SEND CARDS:

Alex Harless, 1322 North 4th Street, Toronto, OH 43964.

Bob & Patty Eddy (Bob is undergoing cancer treatments and Patty is recovering from an auto accident & broken hip). Their address: 4898 Oroszy Ave., Lorain, OH 44052.

SICK & SHUT-IN: Jenny Rhodes, Ray & Patty McCullough, Charlie Delong, Bill & Carol Stillwell, Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Doris Dunham, Alex Harless. **FOX NURSING HOME:** Mary Jane Bowers (Room 19). **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

HOW TO EXPRESS CHRISTIANITY

In the home - by love and unselfishness.

In business - by honesty and diligence.

In society - by purity, courtesy, and humility.

Toward the unfortunate - by sympathy and mercy.

Toward the weak - by helpfulness and patience.

Toward the wicked - by helping them overcome the evil.

Toward God - by reverence, love, and obedience.

- Author Unknown -