

Barriers to Intimacy with God: Resisting Temptation

Matthew 6:13

I. Understanding of Temptation

A. God Verses Satan

Consider it pure joy... whenever you face trials... Jms. 1:2

B. Satan's Purpose

...the devil prowls... like a roaring lion looking... to devour. 1 Pt. 5:8

C. God's Purpose

...Jesus was led by the... to be tempted... Mt. 4:1

II. Results of Temptation

A. Passing the Test

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit... Lk. 4:14

B. Slipping Up and Falling Down

Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. Lk. 22:31

III. Dealing with Temptation

A. Follow the Directions

... lead us not into temptation... Mt. 6:13

B. Ask When You Don't Know

Ask and it will be given to you... Lk. 11:9

C. Keep Your Guard Up

Be self-controlled and alert. 1 Pet. 5:8

D. There's Safety in Numbers

...your brothers... are undergoing... sufferings. 1 Pet. 5:9