

Living Godly Lives

Part 4 – Understanding Temptation

The Source of Temptation

- Temptation comes from without
 - The **devil**, the slanderer, the false accuser – Mt. 4:1; 1 Pet. 5:8
 - The **tempter**, the one who tests us with intent to entice – Mt. 4:2-3
 - **Satan**, the adversary – Mt. 4:10; 1 Cor. 7:5
- Temptation comes from within – Jas. 1:13-15
 - We cannot blame God for our temptations.
 - Our lusts carry us away into sin – Mt. 15:18-19; 6:22-23

How Temptation Works

- Satan's tactics were revealed in the Garden of Eden – Gen. 3:1-6
 - Satan appeared as something he is not
 - As a snake he asked a question
 - He followed with a lie – Jn. 8:44
 - Sat back to see if Eve would give in – Gen. 3:6
- Satan's tactics have not changed – 1 Jn. 2:15-17

Conclusion

- Temptation's power is somewhat controlled by us.
- We have every reason to win because...
 - We know Satan's tactics – 2 Cor. 2:11
 - God protects us so that godly living is always possible – 1 Cor. 10:13
 - We have grace in Christ allowing us to rule over sin – Rom. 6:11-14
- Stand strong!