

A Great Weapon Against Temptation

We all face temptation, Satan is going to make sure that none of us are exempt. We read in 1 Corinthians 10:13 that it is a common challenge for all people but those who are in God's family will be provided ways to resist and eliminate temptation. One great weapon we can use against the devil and his enticements is wisdom. Wisdom is available to every Christian who asks God for it (James 1:5) and can help us make good choices when we're tempted. But this is nothing new, long ago the wise man of Proverbs wrote about the advantages of using wisdom against evil. (Proverbs 2)

When wisdom enters our hearts (minds) and we use knowledge wisely, discretion will be key to keeping us from sinful things. Wisdom will help us recognize social pressure which gives the desire to "go along with the crowd" and participate in things not pleasing to God. Wisdom shows us that resisting physical desire contrary to wholesomeness (substance use, sex, dishonest behavior) will only give temporary pleasure that can lead to more trouble down the road.

James 1:6-7 warns us that the Christian who doesn't tap into the free offer of wisdom will be "wishy-washy" in their struggle with temptation and sin. Doubting ourselves and God can and will have devastating results in one's spiritual life. But we can be happy to know that asking God for and receiving wisdom can lead us down the path of righteousness and a life that is pleasing to God. ☺

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Today's Scripture Reading:

"Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone."
(James 1:12-13)