

# SERMON NOTES



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“Overcome temptation by living a strong Christian life. Go from struggling to living strong.”

## **James 1:12-14 (NKJV)**

<sup>12</sup> Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

<sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.

- Temptation comes to draw us away from God.
- Temptation comes from Satan. Inspiration comes from God.
- A crown is given for winning the battle of temptation.
- How you react to temptation and how you handle temptation determines your reward.
- Rise to meet your challenges and not run from them.
- Go from struggling to living a strong Christian life.

## **Romans 7:24-25 (NKJV)**

<sup>24</sup> O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup> I thank God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.

- Our desires are connected to the area of temptation.
- The war is in your mind.
- Have an eternity mind-set.
- Change your mind-set by focusing on what you believe. What you believe comes through your thoughts.
- Replace a wrong attitude with a right attitude – wrong habit with a right habit – wrong desire with right desires.
- You will not get in life by what you “want” but by what you “think.”
- Start spending more time with God to have a renewed mind and pick up God’s nature.
- Respond like Jesus with a renewed mind.
- Jesus wants to be the Lord of your life and be in charge.

## **How To Be A Strong Christian:**

1. Know Jesus as your Savior.
2. Know the benefits of belonging in the family of God.

## **Romans 8:1 – 5 (NKJV)**

<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, <sup>[a]</sup> who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those *who live* according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

- What you focus on and what you give your attention to becomes a struggle and a temptation.
- Have the mindset of a strong Christian.
- Lasting change comes from within. Change what you are believing and thinking.
- Jesus has set you free!

## **Discussion Questions:**

1. How do you go from struggling to living a strong Christian life?
2. How do you renew your mind daily and have an “eternity” mind-set?

## **Resources:**

If you would like to look at “**How To Overcome Temptation**” sermon series in more depth, Church On The Rock bookstore has excellent resources available.

