

Our Father...

8 Lead Us Not Into Temptation

Matthew 6:13 And lead us not into temptation...

Question #1: How could a holy and perfect God lead us into temptation?

- Temptation is anything that exerts a force or influence that seduces the mind and heart away from **OBEDIENCE** to God and toward **SIN**
- God does not **TEMPT** man, it is **THE DEVIL** who tempts. But God will lead man into temptation.
 - **Matthew 4:1 (NIV)** “Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil”

Question #2: Why would a good God lead us into temptation?

- To help us grow strong in **WISDOM** and **DISCERNMENT**
- To **HUMBLE** us and make us reliant on him
- To reveal the **GENUINENESS** of our faith

Question #3: What should you do about it?

- Know **YOURSELF**
 - Know your vulnerability areas and have a healthy distrust of your flesh
- Know **YOUR ENEMY**
 - **1 Peter 5:8 (ESV)** “Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour...”

- Know **YOUR WEAPONS**

- Weapon #1: Watchfulness
- Weapon #2: Prayer

Matthew 26:41 (NIV) “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

- Weapon #3: The Word

Hebrews 4:12 says, “For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword...”

Jesus is our perfect example of how to battle temptation

- **Hebrews 4:15 (NIV)** For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet he did not sin.