

The Believer's Battle with Temptation – AK 14

COMMENTER'S GUIDE

WRITE IT OUT!

(ON SCANNABLE SINGLE PAGE ANSWER SHEETS ONLY)

These 2 additional questions, not found in the exam booklet are designed to make the student dig into the Biblical text and show they understand the Biblical principles studied throughout the course.

Questions 1 – Summarize the Adversary's, Satan's, objective regarding believers.

1 - POSSIBLE ANSWERS

Although we now belong to another, Satan still seeks to take us captive by inducing us to sin. He desires us to disobey God and obey him instead; to turn from God.

1 - HELPFUL COMMENTS

1 - VERSES

Questions 2 – What are 2 false assumptions regarding temptations that we should avoid? Give a brief description of each assumption

2 - POSSIBLE ANSWERS

The first fall assumption is **overconfidence** that we can resist any temptation that comes our way. Such confidence produces reduced vigilance and an eventual fall. The other assumption is **resignation**. This is when a believer decides that they cannot resist certain sins after several failures. This assumption ignores the help of the Spirit made available to every believer and allows sin to rule in one's heart.

2 - HELPFUL COMMENTS

2 - VERSES

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

These questions are designed to help the student express their thoughts, feelings, and opinions about something they have learned from the chapter.

EXAM 1 – How has your personally acknowledging that Satan is real affected your own battles with temptation?

1 - COMMENTS

- Keep your eyes focused on Christ and the devil will have no place.

1 - VERSES

- [Matt. 6:13](#) The Lord will keep us safe and deliver us from evil.
- [1 Peter 1:14](#) Do not conform to the evil one.
- [James 1:14](#) 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. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.
- [Luke 4:3-13](#) And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'"
- [Prov. 4:14-15](#) Do not enter the path of the wicked, And do not walk in the way of evil. Avoid it, do not travel on it; Turn away from it and pass on.
- [Rom. 13:12-14](#) The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.
- [2 Cor. 10:4-6](#) For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.
- [1 Thess. 5:8-11](#) But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

EXAM 2 – What description of Satan in this lesson helps you take sin—and temptation—more seriously?

2 - COMMENTS

- Satan is our adversary and he will deceive you if you allow him to.

2 - VERSES

- [Rom. 6:23](#) For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- [Isa. 33:15](#) He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly.
- [1 Cor. 15:57](#) We have victory through Lord Jesus.

- [1 Peter 5:8](#) Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.
- [Rev. 2:10](#) Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.
- [Acts 13:8-11](#) Elymas the sorcerer (for so his name is translated) withstood them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. Then Saul, who also is called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him and said, "O full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord? And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time." And immediately a dark mist fell on him, and he went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand.
- [2 Cor. 11:3](#) But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.
- [Titus 1:8](#) Be self controlled and upright, holy.

EXAM 3 – In what ways do we often excuse or justify sinning?

3 - COMMENTS

- There is no excuse for allowing sin to be your master. The flesh is weak/the sinners old nature.

3 - VERSES

- [Matt. 16:23](#) Peter's flesh was weak and he was rebuked.
- [Matt. 26:41](#) Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.
- [Phil. 4:13](#) We get our strength from God.
- [Matt. 7:21-23](#) Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'
- [2 Tim. 2:19-20](#) Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity."
- [Luke 15:7](#) Heaven rejoices over a sinner who repents.
- [1 Thess. 3:13](#) He will strengthen you heart.

EXAM 4 – How can deprivation or suffering make us more vulnerable to temptation?

4 - COMMENTS

- Suffering for the sake of Christ will make us stronger.

4 - VERSES

- [Rom. 13:13-14](#) Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.
- [Matt. 11:28](#) Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
- [1 John 2:15-17](#) Keep your eyes on the things of God.
- [Luke 21:34-36](#) Take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.
- [Rom. 8:13-14](#) For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.
- [Gal. 5:16-21](#) If you follow God and obey His commands, you will be able to walk in the Spirit and not the flesh.
- [1 John 2:15-17](#) Keep your eyes on the things of God.
- [Ps. 38:4](#) For my iniquities have gone over my head; Like a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.

EXAM 5 – What practical steps can a believer take to resist the sin of pride?

5 - COMMENTS

- Take pride in being a humble servant of Lord Jesus.

5 - VERSES

- [Prov. 11:2](#) When pride comes, then comes shame; But with the humble is wisdom.
- [Job 22:29](#) When they cast you down, and you say, 'Exaltation will come!' Then He will save the humble person.
- [Ps. 138:6](#) Though the LORD is on high, Yet He regards the lowly; But the proud He knows from afar.
- [1 Peter 5:5](#) Clothe yourself in humility.
- [Prov. 3:34](#) Surely He scorns the scornful, But gives grace to the humble.
- [Prov. 16:18-19](#) Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall. Better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, Than to divide the spoil with the proud.
- [Luke 14:11](#) For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.
- [Prov. 29:23](#) A man's pride brings him low.

EXAM 6 – What steps are you taking to keep material possessions from becoming an idol in your life?

6 - COMMENTS

- Keep your eyes on the heavenly things.

6 - VERSES

- [Luke 12:15](#) He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.
- [1 John 3:17](#) But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?
- [Matt. 6:19-21](#) Store your treasures in heaven.
- [Heb. 12:1](#) Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.
- [Matt. 16:26-27](#) For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.
- [Col. 3:2](#) Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

EXAM 7 – How do we, in practical ways, put on the spiritual armor that God has provided?

7 - COMMENTS

- We can use all things given by Christ to keep our spiritual flame burning.

7 - VERSES

- [Ps. 1:2](#) But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.
- [Ps. 19:14](#) Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight.
- [Col. 3:16](#) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.
- [Rom. 13:12](#) The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.
- [2 Cor. 10:4-6](#) For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.
- [1 Peter 1:13-15](#) Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct.

EXAM 8 – How does simple everyday obedience prepare us for unexpected spiritual battles?

8 - COMMENTS

- The Word of God is the preparation we need to begin each day.

8 - VERSES

- [1 Peter 1:22](#) Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart.
- [Luke 12:15](#) Be on your guard.
- [Rom. 6:13-14](#) And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.
- [Heb. 13:15](#) Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.
- [Eph. 4:22-23](#) Put off, concerning your former conduct... be renewed in the spirit of your mind.
- [Col. 4:2](#) Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving.

EXAM 9 – For what kinds of things do you pray for other believers?

9 - COMMENTS

- Pray as long as you have breath.

9 - VERSES

- [Luke 22:40](#) Pray that you will not fall.
- [John 17](#) Intercessory prayer of Christ.
- [James 5:16](#) Pray for one another.
- [Eph. 3:14-21](#) Christ will strengthen you and dwell in your heart and you will be rooted and grounded in love and able to share that love.
- [1 Cor. 12:18-22](#) Remember that each member of the body is important and necessary and we all need one another.
- [2 Thess. 3:1-5](#) Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you, and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men; for not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one. And we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, both that you do and will do the things we command you. Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ

EXAM 10 – On what basis do you tend to choose your friends?

10 - COMMENTS

- Godly friendships bring great joy.

10 - VERSES

- [Prov. 2:12](#) To deliver you from the way of evil, from the man who speaks perverse things.
- [1 Thess. 4:18](#) Comfort one another.

- [Ps. 119:63](#) I am a companion of all who fear You, And of those who keep Your precepts.
- [Prov. 22:24-25](#) Make no friendship with an angry man, And with a furious man do not go, Lest you learn his ways And set a snare for your soul.
- [Prov. 13:20](#) He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will be destroyed.
- [Eph. 5:6](#) Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them.
- [Prov. 4:14](#) Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of evil.
- [Acts 14:22](#) Be encouraging to one another to remain in the faith.

EXAM 11 – What is your tendency when it comes to temptation—to be overconfident or to give up fighting? How has this chapter helped you?

11 - COMMENTS

- Live in humility.

11 - VERSES

- [Ps. 55:22](#) Cast your burden on the LORD, and He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved.
- [James 1:2-4](#) Be joyous in your trials and persevere through Christ.
- [James 5:11](#) Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord--that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.
- [Ps. 124:7-8](#) Our soul has escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers; The snare is broken, and we have escaped. Our help is in the name of the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.
- [Rom. 14:3-4](#) Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.
- [2 Tim. 4:18](#) And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen!
- [Gal. 5:1](#) Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

EXAM 12 – How has this course helped you be better equipped to face your own battle with temptation?

12 - COMMENTS

- God can keep us from falling.

12 - VERSES

- [1 Cor. 10:13](#) No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.
- [2 Pet. 3:18](#) Grow in grace and knowledge.

- [2 Sam. 22:40](#) For You have armed me with strength for the battle; You have subdued under me those who rose against me.
- [2 Cor. 10:3-6](#) For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.
- [James 1:12](#) 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.
- [Heb. 6:15](#) And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.