

THE GOSPEL OF
MATTHEW

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Key Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11

What to do When we are Tempted

Part 2

Prepare for temptation:

- 1) **Stay alert** when God is beginning something new in our life or when we are weak. (When will the battle take place?)
- 2) **Recognize the sources** of temptation: ourselves, the world, the devil. (Who/what is tempting us?)
- 3) **Know the types** of temptation: The desires of the flesh, the desires of the eyes, the pride of life. (How will we be tempted?)
 - a) Physical desire. (Lust of the flesh)
 - b) Desire to possess something. (Lust of the eyes)
 - c) Desire for significance. (The pride of life.)
- 4) **Prepare to defend** against giving into temptation.
 - a) Develop faith in God.
 - b) Rely on God's provision.



c) Trust in God's comfort.

d) Apply God's word.

From the Resources

A Mighty Fortress is Our God - Martin Luther

Verse 1

A mighty fortress is our
God
A bulwark never failing
Our helper He amid the
flood
Of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe
His craft and power are
great
And armed with cruel hate
On earth is not his equal

Verse 2

Did we in our own
strength confide
Our striving would be
losing
Were not the right man on
our side
The man of God's own
choosing
Dost ask who that may be
Christ Jesus it is He
Lord Sabaoth His name
From age to age the same
And He must win the
battle

Verse 3

And though this world
With devils filled
Should threaten to undo us
We will not fear
For God hath willed
His truth to triumph
through us
The prince of darkness grim
We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure
For lo his doom is sure
One little word shall fell
him

Verse 4

That word above all earthly
pow'rs
No thanks to them abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are
ours
Through Him who with us
sideth
Let goods and kindred go
This mortal life also
The body they may kill
God's truth abideth still
His kingdom is forever