

The Transforming Power of DISCIPLESHIP

Transformed
By
TEMPTATION



The Battle Within

Romans 7:20-23 (NIV)

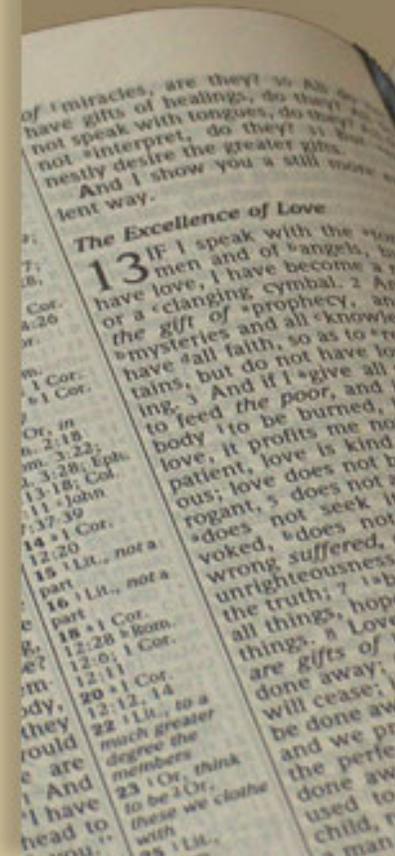
- 20) Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.
- 21) So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me.
- 22) For in my inner being I delight in God's law;
- 23) but I see **another law at work in the members of my body**, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members.



The Character of Christ

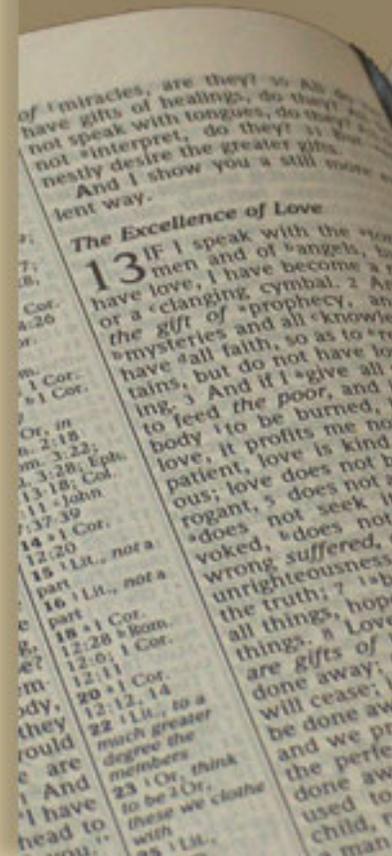
Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)

- 22) But the fruit of the Spirit is **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,**
- 23) **gentleness and self-control.** Against such things there is no law.



How God Teaches Us

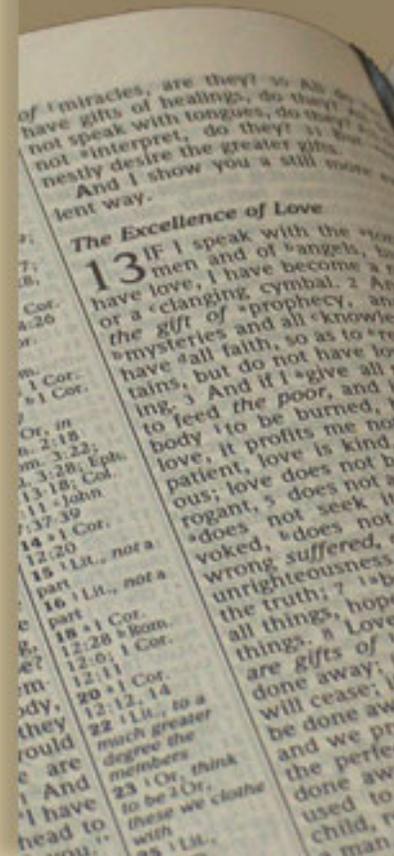
- LOVE - By **UNLOVELY** People
- JOY - By Times of **SORROW**
- PEACE - By Times of **CHAOS**
- PATIENCE - By Having to **WAIT**
- KINDNESS - By **UNDESERVING** People
- GOODNESS - By **INCONVENIENT** Times
- FAITHFULNESS - By Making it **EASY** to Sin
- GENTLENESS - By Positions of **POWER**
- SELF-CONTROL - By Living in **EXCESS**



Garbage In - Garbage Out

Galatians 6:7-8 (NIV)

- 7) Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.
- 8) **The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.**



Overcoming Temptation

- It is **NOT** a **SIN** to be Tempted

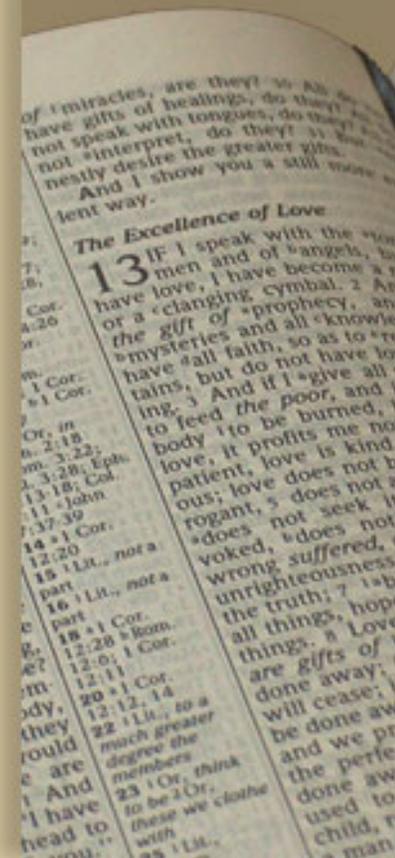
Hebrews 4:15 (NIV)

- 15) For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been **tempted in every way**, just as we are - **yet was without sin.**



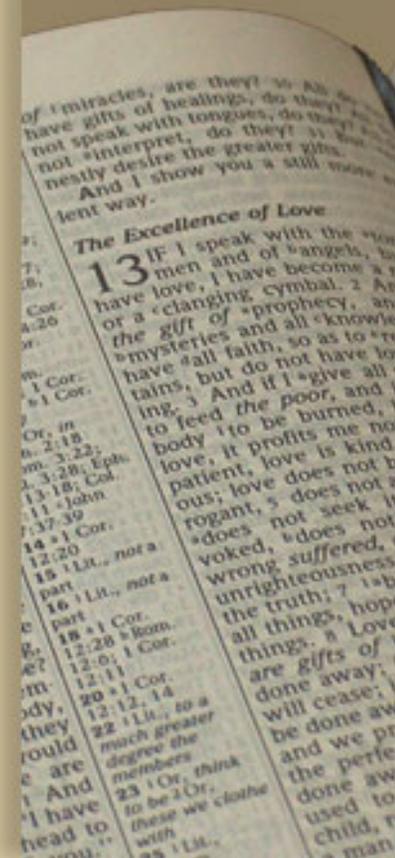
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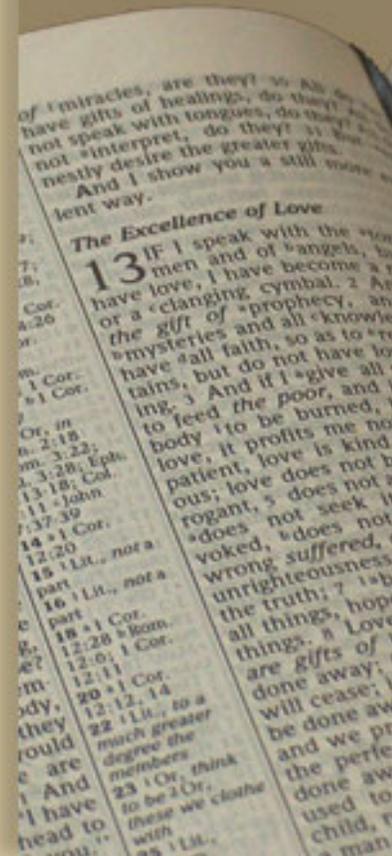


Overcoming Temptation

- God's Patience Endures Forever
- God doesn't get **IRRITATED** or **BORED** when you continually come back to Him for help

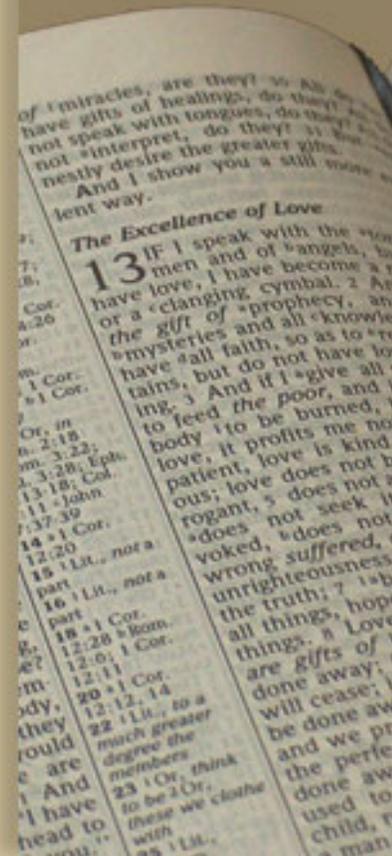
1st Corinthians 10:13 (Message)

- 13) No test or temptation that comes your way is beyond the course of what others have had to face. All you need to remember is that **God will never let you down**; he'll never let you be pushed past your limit; he'll always be there to help you come through it.



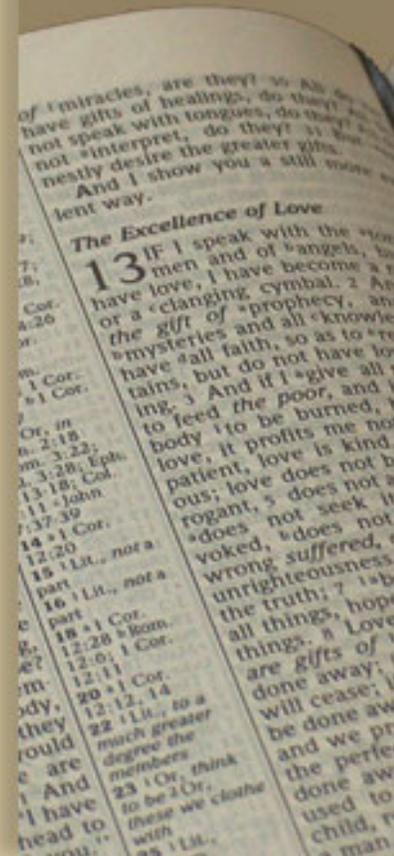
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- *Temptation begins by **CAPTURING** your attention*
- *What gets your attention **AROUSES** your emotions*
- *Your emotions **ACTIVATE** your behavior and you act on what you feel*



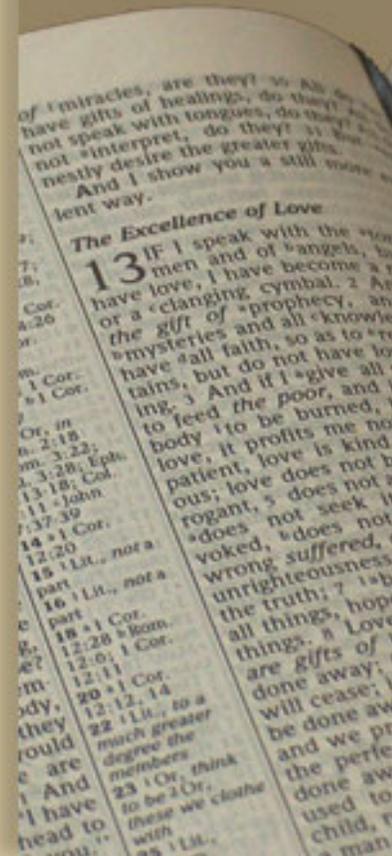
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4. REFOCUS Your Attention
5. **REVEAL** Your Struggle to a Godly Friend



Overcoming Temptation

- Get **AGGRESSIVE** in your battle against temptation and sin
- Use the Word of God as your **WEAPON**
- Memorize Bible verses, so you won't be shooting blanks at the time of the battle



Overcoming Temptation

- *Develop a **HEALTHY APPRECIATION** of your own wickedness*
- *Resist the devil, and he will flee from you*



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