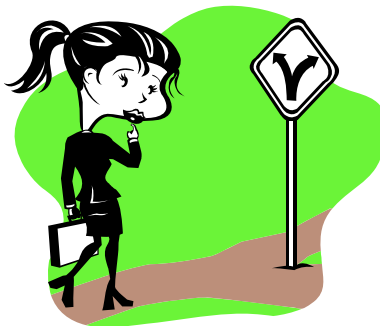


How Can We
Resist Temptations
SUCH AS
DRUGS & ALCOHOL
Part 1



OUR DAILY BREAD

Junior Edition

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SOMETHING YOU MUST KNOW:

God is perfect. He is Holy. We are all sinners. ***For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.***

(Romans 3:23a KJB)

None of us could ever make ourselves perfect or holy to be accepted by God. But God loves us all so much, that He gave His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to go to the cross and pay the penalty for our sins IN FULL, ONCE and FOR ALL. Jesus died and rose again. Because of the Lord Jesus Christ, God can now make us holy and acceptable to Himself. ***For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.*** (1 Peter 3:18 KJB)

Jesus Christ is our ONLY WAY to God and heaven.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

(John 14:6 KJB)

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. (Acts 16:31 KJB)

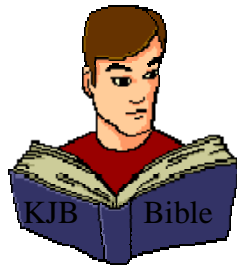
Without Jesus Christ, you can NEVER be accepted by God or go to heaven. When you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior, God makes you His child. When you leave this world, you will spend all of eternity with Him! ***But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.*** (John 1:12 KJB) While you are still here on earth, learn His beautiful Word. Believe it and obey it, so you can enjoy all God has done for you.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.

(Colossians 3:16a KJB)

Every so often here at Grace Christian Fellowship Church, we ask the students to write down any questions that they may have about God or life in general. The students always have GREAT QUESTIONS - IMPORTANT QUESTIONS! In fact, their questions are most often the same kind of questions that adults have too! And, as ALWAYS, the BEST place, in fact the ONLY place to find the

ABSOLUTE RIGHT ANSWER -
THE TRUE ANSWER,
is in our
King James Bible.



WHY? Because at this time in history, THAT is the ONLY BOOK that has God's Word saved just as God gave it so long ago. Nothing has been changed or taken out or added to it! God PROMISED to preserve His Word. These scriptures tell us so:

"For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven." Psalm 119:89 KJB

"Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever." Psalm 119:152 KJB

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever."

Isaiah 40:8 KJB

And Jesus, who IS God & who CANNOT LIE, said

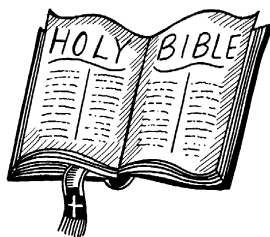
this: " ...It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

Matthew 4:4 KJB

Well, common sense tells us that Jesus could NEVER tell us that we had to live on EVERY WORD that God spoke for us, if we did not HAVE EVERY WORD that God spoke for us! And we DO have EVERY WORD that God spoke for us preserved at this time of history right there in the King James Bible from 1611. And it is ONLY THERE that we can find God's WISDOM & INSTRUCTION & COMMANDMENTS for us to follow. It is ONLY THERE that we can find God's ANSWERS & COUNSEL (advice) for every situation! And HE SAYS that His answers & counsel have been preserved FOREVER! Read what God says about this for yourself in Psalm 33:11 KJB:

"The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations."

God's written Word is His message of WISDOM & INSTRUCTION to people of all ages - young & old. He gave it to us to READ, BELIEVE & OBEY for these reasons:



"To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding;
To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity.

To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man, knowledge and discretion.

A wise *man* will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:” Proverbs 1:2-6 KJB

There are some words in there that you may never have heard before; but if you simply get out your dictionary, you can look them up for yourself. But simply put, God’s word gives us TRUTH that we can USE WISELY. God’s word tells us clearly what is RIGHT & what is WRONG. God’s Word teaches us how to make good decisions & how to handle ALL our troubles! The last verse in that scripture says that a WISE MAN WILL HEAR WHAT GOD HAS TO SAY! So let’s take a look at 4 GOOD QUESTIONS that our students asked. Then we will look into our King James Bible to hear what GOD has to say so we can be WISE!

Here are the 4 IMPORTANT QUESTIONS:



How can we avoid temptations such as drugs & alcohol?

How can we handle bullying?

What are some different ways we can help each other?

What does the Bible say about Michael the archangel?

Don’t you agree that those are really IMPORTANT QUESTIONS! Whether we are young or old, we all

should know what God says about these things. So now let's OPEN OUR BIBLES & BEGIN! And let's BEGIN with a prayer. Let's prepare our HEARTS now to look into God's Holy Word for His PERFECT ANSWERS! In fact, we should ALWAYS BEGIN with PRAYER when we are seeking God's COUNSEL & ADVICE & ANSWERS! God LOVES all His children. He LOVES to speak with us. Prayer is our CONVERSATION WITH GOD! We SPEAK TO HIM in our PRAYERS! We POUR OUT OUR HEARTS TO HIM. Then we OPEN OUR BIBLES & READ what He has to SAY to us! And remember, you can talk to God ANYTIME, ANYWHERE in YOUR OWN WORDS! But sometimes we can even use God's Word to help us TALK TO GOD! Here are some prayers that I love to say to my Father in heaven:

"Thou *art* good, and doest good; teach me thy statutes."

Psalm 119:68 KJB

"Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments."

Psalm 119:66 KJB



"Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law (God's Word)".

Psalm 119:18 KJB

Oh how I LOVE Psalm 119! It tells me LOTS

about God's Word & many things I should ask Him to help me with my problems. Psalm 119 also teaches me how GOD'S WORD - knowing it, believing it & obeying it, helped a person who had LOTS OF TROUBLES & TEMPTATIONS to handle those things. Take a few minutes now to read that Psalm.

Now that we have PREPARED OUR HEARTS to receive God's answer from His written Word, the first question we will begin to search our Bibles to answer is:

*How can we avoid temptations
such as drugs & alcohol?*

This is an EXTREMELY IMPORTANT QUESTION for our young people today - & many times even for adults. But did you know that even in earlier times, people were tempted by such things also? The Bible may be an OLD BOOK, but is

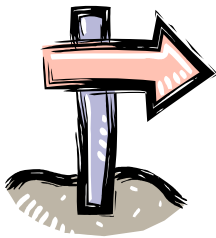
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God is ALL-KNOWING! He ALWAYS knew what our problems would be no matter WHAT time of history we may live in, whether TODAY - 4000 years ago - or 1000 years from now! And He ALREADY HAD HIS ANSWERS FOR US READY before He even created the world! God's Word is VERY CLEAR on how we should handle such temptations as drugs & alcohol, In fact, God's word is VERY CLEAR on how we should handle ALL temptations.

We will see that ALL temptations can be handled in the very same way! Now let's begin to find out
HOW GOD SAYS WE SHOULD RESIST TEMPTATIONS!

Did you notice that instead of using the word AVOID which was used in the student's question, I used the word RESIST? Resist means to "SAY NO, I WON'T DO THIS THING!" Sometimes we CAN AVOID certain temptations by simply choosing NOT to be around certain people, places or things. This is ESPECIALLY true most of the time for the temptation of the illegal use of drugs or alcohol. Most of the time, if we simply choose friends who do NOT use drugs & alcohol illegally & completely STAY AWAY from those who do, we can AVOID temptation! However, there may be times when we cannot AVOID temptations, but we WILL be able to SAY NO to them. How? We'll KNOW WHAT to DO when temptations come when we ALREADY KNOW what GOD says we are to do! God says that HE gives us the way to resist all temptations. He tells us what to do & gives us the STRENGTH to do it & then trust Him to rescue us from the temptation. He shows us the way.



"The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations..."

2Peter 2:9a KJB

Next week we will continue to search our Bible to find out what God says about resisting temptations - especially the temptations of illegal drugs and alcohol. See you then!

Something You Should Know

Exactly what is a TEMPTAION according to God's Word? As you read your bible, you will find out that the word TEMPT or TEMPTATION is used in 2 different ways.

1. Sometimes it is used to mean TEST.

Sometimes God TESTS our FAITH to show US how much we really believe Him & want to obey Him above all else. Here is an example of that:

"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

"Knowing that the trying of your faith worketh patience."

James 1:203 KJB

God tempts or tests us for our GOOD - to give us opportunities to see His wisdom, power & faithfulness to help us when troubles come as we simply believe Him & obey Him. The more we obey Him when temptations come, the more we will see His power to do good in our lives.

2. Sometimes the word "tempt or temptation" is used for trying to get us to do evil. God NEVER tempts us to do evil. NEVER!

"Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, nether tempteth he any man.

But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed."

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- RI Exit #22; *Left* at split to **Rt. 6 W.**
- Take Killingly St (Rt. 128) Exit; *Right* off Exit.
- Take Killingly to end; *Right* on Manton Ave; cross bridge.
- Turn *Left* at light (CVS on corner), and then bear *Left* at the split. You are now on Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1 mi.
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- Mineral Spring Ave Exit in Providence.
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