***Conquering Temptation!!***

**Facts about Temptation**

**1.** It is NOT a SIN to be tempted.

2. Temptation plays on a *legitimate need*.

 Heb. 4:15 – *Jesus was tempted* in every way we are. *... Yet He did not sin!*

God cfeated you wih needs and desires. (You desire significance, sex, friendship, etc.) in temptation. Satan appeals to a need or desire that God *already* put in you ... and Satan offers you a short-cut. (“You do not have to get a job and *earn* money. Just *steal* what you want! You do not have to get married...just sleep with her now...e.g.)

That is a great definition of sin. ***Sin is meeting a legitimate need in an illegitimate way.*** Utimately, it is going to the wrong source to get your needs met. (In essence, you are telling God, “You are too slow,” pushing Him out of the way, and letting Satn meet your need.)

Now let’s define temptation. *Temptation is Satan’s offer to meet your needs in a way that will hurt you and offend God.* Listen! Satan’s not out to do you any favors! Think of it this way: Every temptation is a “Trojan Horse.” It is gift-wrapped dynamite.

**Temptation is the doorway through which destruction enters your life. On the other hand, if God meets your needs, “The blessing of the Lord makes rich, and he adds no sorrow with it.” (Prov. 10:22)**