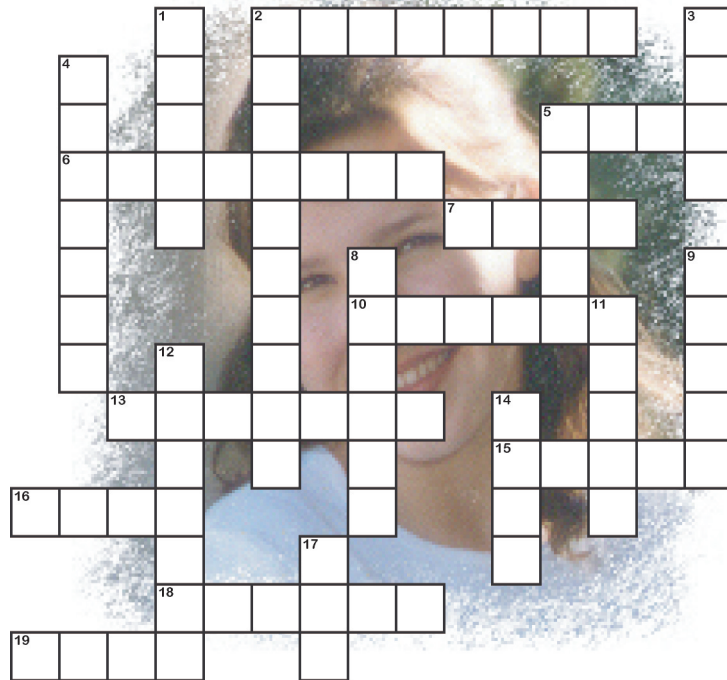


Crossword Puzzle



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| 2. Peter was a self-confident _____. | 1. The self-confident disciple. |
| 5. Your _____ be done... | 2. Satan would like to _____ us. |
| 6. We are not strong enough to _____ the temptations of the evil one. | 3. We should realize that we might _____. |
| 7. Our _____ to victory is to pray... | 4. The way to have victory is to not be _____ into temptation. |
| 10. Our path to victory is to pray in the way that the Lord Jesus _____ us. | 5. The Lord warned the disciples to _____ and pray. |
| 13. Your _____ come... | 8. We are not _____ enough... |
| 15. Satan is God's _____. | 9. If we think we are strong enough we are _____ to fall. |
| 16. The _____ way to avoid falling into a well is not to walk close to it. | 11. Peter denied the Lord _____ times. |
| 18. We are not strong enough to _____ God's enemy. | 12. Our path to _____ is to pray... |
| 19. We should _____ to the Father that he would not bring us into temptation. | 14. We should realize that we are _____. |
| | 17. Peter boasted that he was ready to _____ for the Lord. |

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The Disciples Prayer

- Lesson Eight -

Do Not Bring Us Into Temptation

I. Overview.

While we live on the earth for God's name, His kingdom and His will, God's enemy, Satan, will try his hardest to discourage us and cause us to fall. We should not trust in ourselves to overcome him. Rather, we should realize that we are weak and we should pray that we would not be brought into temptation. The best way to overcome temptation is by simply not being brought into temptation.



We shouldn't think that we are so strong that we couldn't fall.

None of us are that strong. Even though we might think we are strong, we are not strong enough to resist God's enemy. The Bible says that pride and self-confidence goes before a fall. If we think that we are strong enough to resist God's enemy by ourselves we are fooling ourselves and will likely fall in some way. Our need is to pray that the Lord would keep us out of temptations. We should realize that we might fall.

II. Memory Verse.

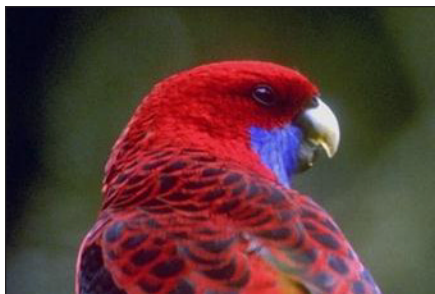
"And do not bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

(Matt. 6:13a)

III. Lesson.

The third matter that God's children should pray about is concerning our own need that God would not lead us into temptation, but that He would deliver us from the evil one, the Devil. While we are standing with God for His interests, Satan is standing against both God and us. Satan would like to give us a hard time, to discourage us and cause us to turn away from God. Satan is God's enemy and Satan is our enemy. Because we are the ones God will use to stand against Satan and to defeat him, he is constantly looking for a way to cause us harm and to make us stumble.

We Should Not Think That We Are Strong



The best way to overcome temptation is to not be brought into temptation in the first place.

The Lord taught us to pray that God would not lead us into temptation because we need to know that we are not strong. We are not strong enough to overcome the temptations of the evil one. Therefore the way to have victory over his temptations is simply not to be brought into temptation. For this we need to pray.

We should not think that we are strong enough on our own. If we think that we are strong enough, we are fooling ourselves and are ready to fall. Peter was a self-confident disciple. He thought that he was stronger than all the rest. He told the Lord that even if all the other disciples would fail, that he would not fail. He even boasted that he was ready to die for the Lord. However, all of his boasting and self-confidence meant nothing when the temptation came. He became afraid and eventually denied the Lord three times.

Watch and Pray

The Lord warned the disciples before the temptation came. He told them to watch and pray. They did not want to fail their Lord. They did not want to fall into the Devil's evil doings. Their spirit was indeed willing, but their flesh was weak.

The best way to avoid falling into a well is not to walk close to it. We should pray that the Father would not bring us into temptation, not allow us to be tempted. We should realize that we are weak and not able to resist the temptations. Our path to victory is to pray in the way that the Lord Jesus has taught us.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. What is the best way to overcome temptation?

2. What will happen to us if we think that we are strong enough to resist temptation on our own?

3. Who's enemy is Satan, the Devil?

4. How did Peter fail the Lord Jesus?

