

*"Watch and **pray**, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." **Matthew 26:41** KJV*



Prayer IS the “way of escape” from temptation. Don’t pray FOR an escape, Prayer IS the escape! Who are we talking to, to whom do we “draw nigh,” when we pray? GOD! God’s presence is our strength. It is what fills my thoughts that tempts my flesh. Considering that indulgence of a carnal lust brings sin and sin separates me from the presence of God. *“When lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.”* Repentance is not crying over your sin, repentance is changing what you do. *“Draw nigh (close) to God and He will draw nigh to you.”* How do I “draw nigh to God?” In my thoughts of His Word, meditation. Satisfaction of lust brings a short lived carnal pleasure while our soul and spirit languish. *“Flee...youthful lusts. Abstain from ALL APPEARANCE of evil. Pray without ceasing.”* If you know you are susceptible to something, stay away from it, run from it, and avoid it. *“Make not provision for the flesh to fulfill the lusts thereof.”* When caught in an inescapable situation, sing hymns and pray. When we sing, Satan laughs; when we preach, Satan mocks; but when we pray, Satan trembles! When a child of the KING presents a petition, the King is attentive and near. Since there is no place He is not, He is ever near. It is our heart that wanders. Prayer is what will keep your heart in the His presence. Prayer “without ceasing” means God is your ever present companion. This vale of sorrow will fade into the background and every day becomes yet another opportunity to walk and talk with the KING. We are sometimes oh, so selfish! God wants to spend time with us and He is always by our side, but we ignore Him in favor of temporal pursuits. He died that we might live and yet many believers treat Him as an accessory, not a necessity. You wouldn’t think of air as an accessory! Unless God is a vital necessity to you He is not there at all. He is not an addition to life, He is Life! You can make a corpse look alive, but it’s still a corpse. It needs to be buried. Unless God is your Life, you are still a corpse. Unless we die to self and live through faith in Christ, our lives will rot and stink. Faith makes prayer effectual. Faith is trusting obedience to God’s Word in spite of what carnal senses demand. *“Faith IS the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things NOT seen.”* If you don’t read and know God’s Word, you have no faith. *“Without faith it is impossible to please [God].”* Expecting God to answer your prayer is applied faith!

Oh, enter not temptation’s way,  
But turn instead to God and pray,  
And you will know at end of day,  
That God is with you all the way! ~CGP

We touch God when we pray. God’s is Righteousness and Light. Touching Him delivers us from sin’s blindness. *“And ye shall know the Truth (God’s Word) and the Truth will MAKE you free!”* Those on chains from birth do not realize they are in bondage until those chains are removed! *“For by grace are ye saved, through faith, and that, not of yourselves, it is the GIFT of God! Faith cometh by...the Word of God.”* Do you know it? Do you think about it? Do you talk about it? Do you believe it?

*“Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.” James 4:8 KJV*