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WOW – Word on Wednesday
YIELD NOT TO TEMPTATION

Introduction: “I generally avoid temptation unless I can’t resist it”. This tongue in cheek quote sums up the perspective of many Christians. We try so hard to turn away from the attraction of sin by developing strategies and self-talk to manage, rather than overcome temptation. Our efforts often lead to disaster, but sin need not to be the inevitable results of temptation. God always helps us if we turn to Him when we are tempted. *“Let’s not give in to temptation”*.

1. God’s Spirit Intercedes on Our Behalf

- The Holy Spirit directs us out of danger. 1 Corinthians 10:13
- He prays twenty-four seven to God on our behalf. Romans 8:26
- The Holy Spirit reveals the hidden dangers of temptation. John 14:26
- While we often ponder the temptation, the Spirit of God prays for us to be delivered. Psalm 143:10

2. God Provides Relevant and Timely Guidance

- In the Old Testament, God promised to guide the prophet Isaiah and the nation of Israel from evil.
- He still offers the same person counsel to us today. Psalm 46:1
- His Holy Spirit whispers wisdom into our hearts to avoid landmines and pitfalls. James 1:5
- Never cover what God has uncovered. Joshua 7:20

3. God’s Word Teaches and Corrects

- God’s Word won’t assist us from the bookshelf. Psalm 119:11
- Just as our bodies need food to stay strong, our spirits need the truth to stand up to temptation.
- We should study and memorize His Word. 2 Timothy 2:15

4. God Gives Us Brothers and Sisters in Christ to Exhort and Encourage Galatians 6:1

- We all belong to the family of God.
- Accountability is important when facing your temptation.
- God tells us to look out for each other and give aid in times of struggle. Romans 12:10-13
- A timely word or gesture from a fellow believer can snatch you from the spell of Satan’s lies and temptation. 1 Peter 3:15

5. God Gives Resurrection Power to Every Follower of Jesus

- The power of the Almighty God resides with us. Ephesians 6:10
- We are not helpless against the wiles of the devil. Ephesians 6:12