

Sermon Notes – “The Assurance of Victory Over Temptation, Part II”
(November 13, 2022)

Sermon Text: Ephesians 6:10,13-18 & Luke 3:7-9

Memory Verse: *“No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out, so that you can stand up under it.”*
(Chapter 3) **I Corinthians 10:13**

Introduction: Last week we learned from God’s Word that Satan is a formidable enemy who wields temptation like a club! Yet, God promises us help in our spiritual struggle and to provide a way out of temptation. Today we identify exactly what this help looks like.

Focus Question: *In what ways does God help me resist the temptations of the devil?*

I. Have Confidence (Ephesians 6:10)

- Be confident in the preparation God has given you for **spiritual warfare**.
- **Assert** your “*strength in the Lord.*”
- **Claim** and **use** God’s “*mighty power.*”

II. Your Spiritual Tool Box (Ephesians 13-18)

- God has provided spiritual resources – **a tool box** – for you to stand against Satan.
- **Truth** – with which to oppose the devil’s lies. (vs. 14)
- **Righteousness** – you are on the side of **right**, not wrong. (vs. 14)
- **Gospel** – the good news that Jesus died for your sins. (vs. 15)
- **Peace** – you possess God’s peace with which to counter Satan’s chaos. (vs. 15)
- **Faith** – your life in Jesus by which you quash the devil’s attacks. (vs. 16)
- **Salvation** – the central story that tells of God’s love for you. (vs. 17)
- **The Holy Spirit** – God’s ever-present connection to your spirit. (vs. 17)
- **God’s Word** – God’s ever-present communication with your spirit. (vs. 17)
- **Prayer** – your on-going communication with God. (vs. 18)

Faith Challenge: *Intentionally focus this week on identifying each of the tools in your tool box that God has given you with which to resist the devil in your daily life. Take them out, one by one, and practice using them, so that you will be prepared to wield them whenever Satan brings a spiritual assault against you.*