



## Freedom Fighters

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*RELATIONAL PARASITES are anything that attach themselves to a couple, and feed off of them: taking away their energy, health, & life at the expense of the relationship.*

- promise to offer enjoyment but consume
- rob you of your loyalty
- enslave your heart

<sup>11</sup>*These things happened (the list I just gave you) to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! <sup>13</sup>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.* 1 Corinthians 10:11-13

*It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.* Galatians 5:1 NAS

**FREEDOM FIGHTER** - a believer that

- recognizes his/her sinful **HEART**
- keeps watch for the **TEMPTATION**
- fights to eliminate the **PARASITES**

### TYPES OF TEMPTATION

1. The **CRAVINGS** of our bodies. (lust of flesh)
2. The **LUST** of our eyes. (desire of eyes)
3. The **PRIDE**/boasting of our hearts. (self-sufficient)

*For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life —comes not from the Father but from the world.* 1 John 2:16 NKJV

<sup>5</sup>*For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin.* Hebrews 4:5

### PROCESS OF TEMPTATION – mind/heart to action

<sup>13</sup>*When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; <sup>14</sup>but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. <sup>15</sup>Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.* James 1:13-15

### FIGHTING TEMPTATION

1. **PRAY** that the Lord will keep you from temptation. Mt 5:13
2. **MAKE** a covenant with yourself. Job 31:1
3. **LOOK** for a way out. 1 Cor 10:13
4. **DIVERT** your mind. Phil 4:8
5. **REMOVE** yourself. 2 Tim 2:22
6. **ASK** forgiveness when you fall down & start again. 1 Jn 1:9
7. **SHARE** your temptation with a maturing believer. Gal 6:2

### LOVE DARE

**Everyone:** NAME the parasite from which you need to break free and **SHARE** it with someone who will help you fight it.

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### FACTS ABOUT TEMPTATION 1 Corinthians 10:11-13

1. Every temptation you face has been faced by others before you.
2. You have never been tempted by something you did not have the power to resist.
3. God provides a way out of every temptation.