

1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

Back in the early 70's there was a TV show called "The Flip Wilson Show" starring, who else, but Flip Wilson. It was a variety show and Flip Wilson was a Comedian and the star of the show. One thing he was known for was dressing up like a woman named Geraldine (No he was not gay), and his (her) signature phrase was "The devil made me do it".

Yet how many times has the devil been attributed to causing someone to sin or do something bad? Well, if you are a Christian, that will never be the case, because the devil or demons cannot make you do anything, including sinning.

† **1 John 4:4 (KJV)** *Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.*

Sure, the devil and demons can tempt us and whisper all sorts of things into our ears to try and cause us to fall into sin. But the truth is that the devil cannot "make" us sin or do anything against God's will. If we do give in and fall into sin, the only one to blame is ourselves.

Even Paul addresses this in today's verse, and how the Lord helps us through those trials and temptations.

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Notice once again it says that "***God is faithful***" and "***with the temptation will also make the way of escape.***" It doesn't say only certain temptations or all temptations except for _____. But regardless of the temptation, the Lord has made a way for us to escape it. But with that way of escape, we have the choice to choose that way and to flee from sin, or ignore God's way of escape and run to sin

So think of this, have you ever thought that when you fall into sin and give into that temptation, you are turning to the devil to guide you and not the Lord? Maybe if we thought about that, we would sin less because we want to be obedient to the Father of Truth and not give in to the father of lies.

† **John 8:44b** *When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.*

- † **John 4:23-24** *But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."*
- † **Romans 16:19 (NLT2)** *But everyone knows that you are obedient to the Lord. This makes me very happy. I want you to be wise in doing right and to stay innocent of any wrong.*
- † **1 Peter 1:13-16** *Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."*