

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, and his (her) signature phrase was "The devil made me do it".

Yet how many times is the devil 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 you and whisper all sorts of things into your ears to cause you to fall into sin. But the truth is that the devil can not "make" you sin or do anything against God's will. If you do give in and fall into sin, the only one to blame is yourself.

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

† ***but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.***

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.

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 and not give in to the devil's lies.

† **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."