

# PRAYER

## Praying to Properly Condition Our Heart, Part 2

Matthew 6:12-15

**Prayer should seek to condition our heart to forgive others as we have been forgiven by God. (6:12, 14-15)**

**Prayer should seek to condition our heart to the reality of temptation and our dependency on God to overcome it. - 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. (6:13)**

**(1)** The word “temptation” refers to two different experiences in the Bible. - “And lead us not into temptation” (6:13a)

A. The Bible speaks of “temptation” in context of the \_\_\_\_\_ that God places us in for our faith to be proven and matured. (Romans 5:3-5, James 1:2-4, 1 Peter 1:6-7)

B. The Bible speaks of “temptation” in the context of both the intentional internal and/or external urge to \_\_\_\_\_ God’s authority and gratify the desires of the flesh. (James 1:13-15, 1 John 2:16)

**(2)** Because mankind is cursed by God to be ruled by sin, at the end of the day we are incapable of escaping \_\_\_\_\_ by our own power. - “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.” (Matthew 6:13, Romans 1:28-32; 6:6; 6:10-14; 6:19-23, Galatians 5:22-25)

**Challenge:** How seriously are you taking your \_\_\_\_\_ to sin? Are you wandering off into the wilderness of temptation and evil and thus arrogantly rejecting the possibility of the potential disaster ahead?