

The Battle for the Christian's Thinking, part 4
The way out

- I.** An idea may become a lust, a lust a temptation, a temptation a trespass, a trespass a sin (Jam. 1:13-15).
 1. All these take place in the mind, except sin.
 2. Unrighteousness begins with the stage of trespass.
 3. There is always the way out (1 Cor. 10:13).
 4. God has provided all the provisions needed for Christians to thwart the spiritual enemies.

- II.** **The way out** of potential pitfalls from ever becoming an idea.
 1. Order lifestyle by the Spirit (Gal. 5:16).
 2. Order a lifestyle that does not appeal to an individual's weakness in the area of the flesh (Rom. 13:13-14; 1 Jn. 2:11).
 3. Order lifestyle to minimize "passions" (Gal. 5:24; Rom. 7:5; Rom. 1:26; Col. 3:5; 1 Thes. 4:5).
 4. Order lifestyle to perform good works (Eph. 2:10; 2 Jn. 4).

- III.** **The way out** from negative lusts.
 1. Say no! By understanding 'grace' and divine enabling (Tit. 2:11-12).
 2. Say yes! To the Holy Spirit's lusts (Gal. 5:17).

- IV.** **The way out** of a temptation.
 1. There is a progression in the Christian's defenses.
 2. Flesh—reckon one's self dead to the sin nature (Rom. 6:11; Col. 3:1-2).
 3. Satan—put on the armor from God (Eph. 6:10-17).
 4. The World System—use but do not abuse (1 Cor. 7:31; 1 Jn. 2:15-17).

- V.** **The way out** of a trespass—take heed to spiritual Christians' adjustment (Gal. 6:1).