



Bible Study

Thought-Provoking Questions

temptations,
trials and
tribulations

The purpose of the questions is to facilitate a deeper understanding of the Bible, this Bible study topic and ourselves. The questions may be answered by each reader, or used by a Bible study group leader or church pastor. The following questions should be answered or discussed after reading “Temptations, Trials and Tribulations.”

There are two types of questions: lesson and opinion. Lesson questions (preceded by a number) are provided an answer. Opinion questions (preceded by an ①) are designed to enhance learning via the determination of opinions and/or discovering how the lesson content illuminates our personal lives. As such, no answers are provided.

Questions

- ① The lesson content stated temptations, trials and tribulations are listed in order of severity (least to highest). Do you agree or disagree? Explain.
- ① In Matthew 26:41 Jesus said to “Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation.”
 - What does it mean for us to watch?
 - What should we be looking for?
 - What should we do if we see what we are looking for?
- 1. What is promised in scripture when we are tempted?
- 2. What is the “core” difference between a temptation and trial?
- ① Why would God allow someone to experience a trial?
- ① Is a trial a good or bad thing? Explain.
- 3. What is the “core” difference between a trial and a tribulation?
- ① The tribulation lesson content was segmented into four sections: past, present, last days, and after death. Which of the four should someone be most concerned about? Explain.

Answers

1. The temptation is common to man; we are not tempted beyond what we are able to overcome, a way of escape will be provided; we can bear (overcome) the temptation. 1 Corinthians 10:13
2. Temptations are primarily “internally focused” because they attempt to magnify the sinful desires of our flesh. Whereas, trials are more “externally focused” because they seek to change our heart, our character and our behavior (that we express towards others) via negative situations in life.
3. Due to oppression and persecution of one’s faith in Jesus Christ, tribulation is far worse than a trial because it comprises severe hardship, adversity, distress, and even death.