

**LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, DELIVER US FROM THE EVIL ONE
(How to Talk to God- Part 7)**

Matthew 6:13-"... lead us not into peirasmos, but deliver us from the evil one."

Peirasmos (Greek): a **difficult/challenging** situation in life

A temptation **entices** to sin, **weakens** me & brings me **down**

A test **proves** my character, **improves** it & **strengthens** me

The evil one seeks to turn **tests** into **temptations**

Jms 1:13

If **prepared** for it, it's a test; if not, it's a **trap**.

THINGS TO KNOW TO BE PREPARED FOR TESTING:

TESTING IS **INESCAPABLE**

Jms 1:2, 1 Pt 4:12; Prv 4:14,15

TESTING FOLLOWS A BASIC PATTERN:

THOUGHT

IMAGINATION

JUSTIFICATION

CHOICE

SIN

TESTING HAS A **PURPOSE**

1 Pt 1:6-7

I need to **to change** more than I need my **circumstances** to be changed

Am I growing to **hate** not just the consequences of sin but **sin itself**?