

A Way Out Part 4: The Best Way Out

(1 Corinthians 10:13 NIV) No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

The Best Way Out

The best way out of temptation is to discover your purpose.

(Psalm 139:13-16 NIV) "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be."

(Ephesians 2:10 NIV) "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

What? Me a Priest?

(1 Peter 2:9 NIV) "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

(Acts 1:8 NLT) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

(John 15:8, 11 NIV) "This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."

1. God made you special.

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2. God qualified you.

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3. God's purpose fulfills temptation's promise.

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