

d. Does it include the Golden Rule of Matthew 7:12, or the Two Great Commandments of Matthew 22:37-39?

e. Does it include those Old Testament commands, exhortations, teachings, and examples that are restated in the New Testament?

f. Does it include only those commands, exhortations, teachings, and examples found in those portions of the New Testament related to the present dispensation (the period of time from Pentecost until Christ's Return)?

2. Is temptation sinful? If not, when does temptation become sin?

a. James 1:13-15 -- "Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am being tempted by God'; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death."

The Idea here seems to be that each person is drawn by his/her own sinful desire (not by God) to the object of temptation, to commit adultery with that object. At the moment he/she commits adultery with that object, sin is conceived. Lust thus gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full grown and complete, gives birth to death (i.e., a lifetime of sin ultimately leads to eternal death).

b. The component steps in an instance of temptation may be traced, with the help of the "Elements of Temptation Sequence," traced on a separate page.