

2 Cor. 5:9

1. My goal in life is to **please God** – 2 Cor. 5:9

2. I please God by **being like His Son** Jesus Christ

Matt. 3:16-17 at Jesus' baptism "This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased"

Rom. 8:28-29 "... for whom He foreknew He predestined to be conformed to the image of His dear Son."

God wants you to respond to temptation the same way Jesus did.

3. God knows I will not be perfect but He does **expect me to be growing**

Eph. 4:22-24 – How to change and grow

2 Peter 3:18 – Grow in Grace Fellowship Church

Setting the Right Goal

Three things I'm going to need from you, if we're going to work together:

1. I need a **learner spirit** from you – You're giving me permission to speak truth into your life, if I see any area that is not in line with biblical truth
2. I need you to do some **homework** every time – this is not the 'Magic Hour'
3. I need some **time** – you didn't get in this situation overnight; we won't get out of it overnight. Typically I'll meet with someone between 12-14 weeks – sometimes a little more; sometimes a little less, depending on how hard they work.

Can I expect these three things from each of you?

Having Hope

I Cor. 10:13 "There is a way of escape!"

This verse gives you **four promises** that combat the **four most common lies** that Satan tells us when we're struggling in a trial:

1. Your trial is not unique – 'common to man' **VS.** No one else has ever gone through anything like this before!
2. Your God is faithful - 'but God is faithful' **VS.** God's not there for you; He's left you on your own for this one
3. It's not more than you can handle **VS.** This is too much; no one can endure this
'...not leave you to be tempted beyond what you are able... that you may be able to endure'
4. There is a way out of this **VS.** There's no way out; you're stuck
'but will with the temptation provide the way Of escape