

BE A BRINGER

"40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus...." John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

"Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;...." I Samuel 12:23a



MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Arthur and Eloise MacArthur | Laos



PRAISE

- Praise God 20+ years of ministry with OTAN and for those who have prayed for and supported the MacArthurs.
- Praise God for the national pastors serving in 12+ countries, reaching people in restricted-access areas.
- Praise God for the opportunity to equip 93 pastors in Laos and encourage church planting, with a goal of each church planting one new church annually.

PRAY

- Pray for the health of the MacArthurs.
- Pray for for the upcoming training pastoral training program and for the pastors responsible for overseeing it.
- Pray for more office staff to help increase and support OTAN ministries.

LORD, TEACH ME TO PRAY

Handout: 09/20/26

Study Date: 09/27/26

Protection: Ask For Deliverance

In the realm of Christian faith, the words spoken in the Bible carry immense weight and significance, shaping the moral and spiritual lives of believers. One such verse, *Luke 11:4*, encapsulates profound truths about forgiveness and reliance on divine grace and guidance. This verse invites us into a deeper understanding of our relationship with God and each other, emphasizing the importance of mercy and humility in our spiritual journey.

The phrase "lead us not into temptation" further emphasizes the need for divine guidance in our lives. It acknowledges the struggles and challenges we face, prompting us to seek God's help in navigating them. This plea underscores the importance of relying on God's strength to resist temptation and make righteous choices.

The cultural and historical backdrop of this teaching is significant. In first-century Judea, prayer was a fundamental aspect of Jewish life, often marked by rituals and structured requests. Jesus offers a new approach, focusing on a personal and relational dialogue with God rather than mere rote recitation. By including concepts of forgiveness and moral integrity in His model prayer, Jesus transforms how individuals engage with God and each other.

The plea "lead us not into temptation" serves as a reminder of our vulnerability. Life presents daily challenges that test our faith and morals. By acknowledging our need for divine guidance, we position ourselves to rely on God's wisdom and strength. This humility opens our hearts to transformation and empowers us to navigate life's trials with grace.

Resource: bibleverseexplained.com

KEY VERSE

Luke 11:4b (NKJV)

“And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one.”

Read Luke 11:2-4 Every Day

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Lk. 11:4b; Heb.4:15; Ja.1:13-14; I Cor.10:13; Gal. 5:16

Understand The Nature Of Temptation

1. Why is Luke 11:4b so crucial to our walk? Can we really rely on *ourselves* to overcome the temptations of this life?
2. What truth are we called to acknowledge in James 1:13-14? Where does our *true source* of temptation originate from?

Tuesday: Hebrews 12:1; Matthew 26:41

Identify What Makes You Most Vulnerable

3. Hebrews 12:1 calls us to *“lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us?”* What sin has ensnared YOU?
4. *“The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak”* according to Matthew 26:41? What must we do to avoid temptation according to this verse?

Wednesday: Romans 13:14; Proverbs 4:26-27

Establish A Plan To Avoid It

5. Romans 13:14 is very clear in stating that we must *“make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill it’s lust.”* What is YOUR plan to avoid it?
6. What is the lesson being conveyed to us in Proverbs 4:26-27? What do we achieve by *not* turning *“to the right or the left?”*

Thursday: II Corinthians 10:5; Psalm 119:11

Refocus Your Life On The Bible

7. Referencing II Corinthians 10:5; what does it mean to bring *“every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ?”* How can we achieve this?
8. What is Psalm 119:11 teaching us in regard to the power of God’s Word? How does it serve as *our weapon* against sin and temptation?
9. Ideally, we should be “in God’s Word” each and every day of our lives! How much time are YOU giving to it? Can you add to that time?

Friday: Galatians 6:1-2; Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

Seek Support From Others

10. What task is Galatians 6:1-2 calling us to in regard to our responsibility to one another? How must we *“bear one another’s burdens?”*
11. It has been said that isolation is the devil’s playground. We are not designed to do life alone! How does Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 support this?
12. As mentioned above, we are not meant to do life all on our own. Do you belong to a *Growth Group*? If not, is there a group you can join at church?