

## Prayer Part 7

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil (Matt 6:13)**

So why would God lead us into temptation?

*Peirázō (gk):* to test, tempt; to try to trap; to examine (oneself)

James 1:13-14

**Option 1:** God allows testing in our lives to produce more faith and endurance. (Gen 22:1-2, James 1:2-4)

**Option 2:** God's sovereignty over evil or God allows evil to act to accomplish his purposes (Job 1:12, Luke 22:31, I Cor 10:33)

**Option 3:** "Lead us away from temptation" (Isaiah 53:6)

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An addendum to last week's message on forgiveness:

If you rejoice at someone else's calamity, you might need to forgive them.

If you can't think or say anything beneficial about someone, you might need to forgive them.

If your hair bristles on the back of your neck when someone mentions their name, you might need to forgive them.

If you say, "...yeah, I know I did that, but you did ....", you might need to forgive them.

If someone mentions a person and all that comes to your mind is how they hurt you or failed you, you might need to forgive them.

If someone can't do anything right, you probably need to forgive them.