

## 1 Resisting the Temptation of Moral Formation (part 1)

### A. Introduction

1. If this is new, something is wrong, because the Gospel is \_\_\_\_\_, but there is \_\_\_\_\_ about the Gospel.
2. One of the audiences is the, “consumer Christian.” The question for the consumer Christian is, “Is there a serious commitment to the \_\_\_\_\_?”
3. The dedicated neurotic how have a desire to grow and serve, but have a burden of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ that we are not as mature as we should be.
4. At times, the Christian life feels like \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The “gentle Christian” is a person who has resigned themselves to a life without the \_\_\_\_\_ waters.
6. The moral temptation is the attempt of the hidden heart to try to perfect yourself by the power of \_\_\_\_\_.

### B. Theses for those believers struggling in their faith.

1. No amount of effort can ever relieve you of your burden of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ except Christ.
2. The Christian life is not fundamentally about being \_\_\_\_\_ in itself.
  - \* Moral is used to mean any attempt to grow yourself in the power of your being \_\_\_\_\_
  - \* Formation in the Christian life is not about imitation, it's \_\_\_\_\_ in a new life.
  - \* I can't fix myself
  - \* The agent of change of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Christian life is the Holy Spirit.
  - \* A believer is going to be tempted to start the Christian life by faith and the Spirit and then something will cause us to slip back into \_\_\_\_\_.

### C. Five Questions

1. Why would a Christian, or anyone else, be tempted to be \_\_\_\_\_?

\* Morality is the most common human solution to deal with the problem of guilt and shame without \_\_\_\_\_.

\* Adam and Eve hid themselves because they were \_\_\_\_\_.

\* Prayer is not a place to be \_\_\_\_\_, it is a place to be \_\_\_\_\_.

2. How do you know if you are a Christian moralist?

\* Dallas Willard said that the \_\_\_\_\_ life is what you do when you finally realize you can't do anything.