

TEMPTATION.

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2 Timothy 2:22

*“Flee youthful lusts **AND** pursue righteousness.”*

TEMPTATION is an INVITATION to believe a LIE.

4 Temptations of a Man > Money - Sex - Pleasure - Power

The TRUTH about Temptation.

- **Temptation says MORE.**

The eyes of man are never satisfied. - Proverbs 27:20

- **Temptation says NOW.**

The wise man sees danger and takes precautions.

The fool goes on blindly and suffers the consequences.

- Proverbs 22:33

“Temptation trades what we ultimately want for what we want right NOW.” - Andy Stanley

- **Temptation says I _____.**

There is a way that seems right to a man

but it ends in **DEATH**. - Proverbs 14:12

Q: What LIE are you most tempted to believe?

Q: What’s at the END of the road you’re on?

Q: Who’s gonna PAY if you choose to STAY?

1 John 2

¹⁵ Do not love this world or the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you.

¹⁶ For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world.

¹⁷ And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.

Temptation is . . .

- **A DISTRACTION from your MISSION.**

“You can’t chase EVIL and follow GOD.”

- **A CRAVING that doesn’t SATISFY.**

“Temptation will promise something it can NEVER deliver.”

- **A TEMPORARY fix to an ETERNAL need.**

“Idolatry is making a GOOD thing a GOD thing.”

- Tim Keller @ Counterfeit Gods

James 1

¹² God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

¹³ And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, "God is tempting me." God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else.

¹⁴ Temptation comes from our own desires, which *entice us and drag us away*.

¹⁵ These *desires* give birth to sinful *actions*. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to *death*.

²¹ So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly *accept the word God* has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls.

²² But don't just listen to God's word. You must *do what it says*.

Temptation isn't . . .

- From GOD . . .
but God will use it.
- A SIN . . .
but it will lead you to it.
- Your BOSS . . .
but It will tell you what to do.

***“The best way to say NO to Temptation
is to say YES to Mission.”***

Proverbs 4

²⁵ Look straight ahead,
and fix your eyes on what lies before you.

²⁶ Mark out a straight path for your feet;
stay on the safe path.

²⁷ Don't get sidetracked;
keep your feet from following evil.

Mission will . . .

- **Determine your DIRECTION.**

“Your DIRECTION determines your DESTINATION.”

- Andy Stanley @ The Principle of the Path

- **Keep your FOCUS.**

*“Temptation looks AROUND you
but Mission looks in FRONT of you.”*

- **Make your CHOICES.**

“Your CHOICES take you PLACES.”

Your Turn.

1. Make a list of things to run **FROM**.
2. Make a list of things to run **TO**.
3. **SHARE YOUR LIST** with someone you trust.