

COMMUNITY SERVICE BASED CHRISTIAN CELEBRATION 2012 Feb 5

Helping our community with caring love while enabling them to find and follow Jesus!

True love and caring . . .

Romans 12:9-17

Love must be honest and true. Hate what is evil. Hold on to what is good. Love each other deeply. Honor others more than yourselves. Never let the fire in your heart go out. Keep it alive. Serve the Lord. When you hope, be joyful. When you suffer, be patient. When you pray, be faithful. Share with God's people who are in need. Welcome others into your homes. Bless those who hurt you. Bless them, and do not call down curses on them. Be joyful with those who are joyful. Be sad with those who are sad. Agree with each other. Don't be proud. Be willing to be a friend of people who aren't considered important. Don't think that you are better than others.

Don't pay back evil with evil. Be careful to do what everyone thinks is right. If possible, live in peace with everyone. Do that as much as you can.

Agenda (see news letter)

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INTRODUCTARY/ OPENING PRAYER	5 min
Gathering / Communicating Community needs	10 min
Gathering prayer needs	5 min
Prayer for community and praying for needs	15 min
Short Message/ Discussion /Helpful thoughts to remember from the bible	30 min
Gathering of the monetary contributions for the community work (tithes)	5 min
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Needs News/ feedback from Cuba

- Person who received it was completely surprised
- Unable to go back to university, has damaged eyes
- Once the internet available he can continue his studies.
- Very happy /in shock with being given the computer.

Notes on Needs

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REMINDER:

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see website

Sort message/ discussion Can God tempt us?

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"You mustn't always believe what I say.

Questions tempt you to tell lies, particularly when there is no answer."

Pablo Picasso

How do we view the reality of temptations?

How do we dealt with temptation?

Let us consider the types of temptations people have. . .

Unnecessary pampering of myself (massages, food, money, cars, clothes)

Allowing myself to get angry with a jerk who is annoying me. . .

Deciding I know better than wiser people because "they just don't understand"

Considering others as JERKS, because they ARE of COURSE...right?

Over-

Not doing for a person in need because it takes me away from doing things for myself

Stuffing food into myself because I like it! (Ice cream, chocolate, candy, Ignoring etc.) someone, simply Failing to give people because they who need it annoy us! our time,

Avoiding

honest with

being

others!

please others Wanting the and ourselves! latest Secretly electronic planning to gadget undermine because it's so another COOlii persons Lying to get authority! out of

commiting tmuch effort for now!

Making excuses to

because it's just too

not do something

Knowing I know better, always!

excessively)

on Drinking alcohol ourselves! UnGodly sex plans! incorrectly (underage,

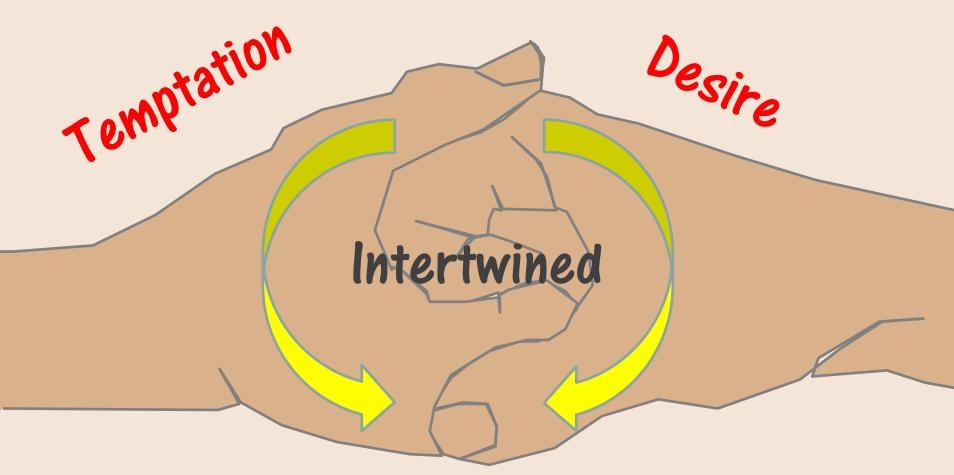
Manipulating others?

and then

wasting it

trouble? Putting ourselves down, With the objective of looking humble!

Read Horoscopes?



Yes / no?

Desires drive needs, and needs drive action!

<u>Right?</u>



Wrong desires seems to give strength to temptations, don't they?

James comment. . .

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desire and temptation go together as a terrible twosome.

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If Eve never allowed herself to desire the fruit in the garden of Eden, Satan's attempts to tempt her in his disagreement with God would have failed miserably.

God does <u>not</u> tempt us!

Our sinful desires lead us into temptation.

So, the key aspect to doing what is right in our lives is not avoiding temptation, but disabling temptation!

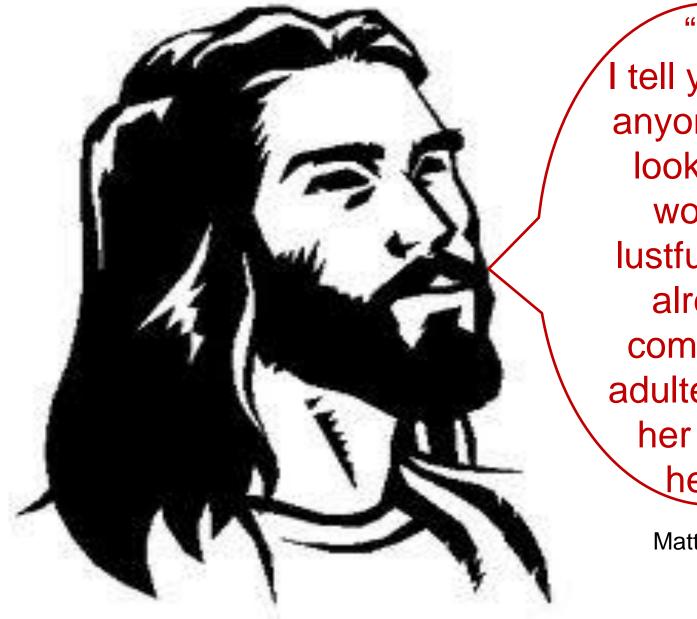
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One of my friends and I recently were discussing the difference between temptation and desire and we really couldn't figure out how to differentiate between the two.

The best we came up with would be that they go hand in hand, but the question that we were wondering is when does temptation turn into a sin through desiring to do something bad.

For example; if I am tempted to go out and have sex with someone and I want to do it, but I say that I will not do it, was I merely tempted to do it, or did I sin through my desire to do it?

any thoughts???



"But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Matthew 5:28NIV

God also taught us: You shall not commit adultery!

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....ANSWERS
Hmm...good question!

I don't know the answer for sure, but I think the desire is the temptation. Temptation is not wrong...we can't completely avoid it. But resisting our inappropriate deisires..that is, not acting on them...is resisting temptation. No?

That being said, <u>not all desire is wrong</u>. Sometimes we desire good things. So, not all desires are temptations. Only the inappropriate ones.

the way I've understood it, - if you feel a desire for something, but you don't want to feel that way and you fight against it, you are resisting temptation

Temptation is not sinful, we all are tempted, it becomes sinful when you say yes to the temptation, and either entertain the thought or go through with your desire(your example), and if you want to but don't, well I believe that would be sinful.(in your example)

In this case when talking about the temptation of lust, the temptation is that initial thought. Desire is when you become aware of the lustful thought and instead of trying to rid yourself of the thought (prayer works for me!) you allow that thought to play out in your mind. Temptation is not sin, desire would be.

By removing sinful desires, the ability to tempt is stopped before it starts.

This is something we can do ourselves!

It is not necessary to wait for the temptation and then resist it.

We can work on having the correct desires *before* we arrive at the point of temptation.

God explains in the bible what he expects us to do...

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:22 NIV

Can God Tempt us?

Building the right desires is something we need to actively do! We need to be passionate and chase the right goals! Our desires should be aligned with God's Holy Spirit's leading in our life.

Then temptation will have little effect on us! God doesn't tempt us, our evil desires do. Let's eradicate those evil desires today.

That's my plan, what's yours?

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