

Pastor's Weekly Devotional – February 8th, 2018

“Temptation”

Temptation is as old as humankind. It started in the Garden of Eden. Everyone has struggled with it including Jesus Himself. And except for Christ, there is not one person who hasn't suffered the consequences of yielding to it.

Note, however, the two following fallacies concerning temptations:

1. To be tempted is not a sin. We sin when we yield to it.
2. Temptation is not confined to sexual lust. It covers every aspect of our lives including Material Temptation, Personal Temptation and Sensual Temptation.

Yielding to temptation often gives “a kick” but what the devil doesn't tell you “the kick will turn and kick you back.”

Yielding to temptation will always affect your life:

- You will gradually drift away from God and His house. Instead, excuses will replace commitment.
- The joy of serving God will be extinguished. Passivity and a nonchalant attitude will replace it.
- Satan does not fill us with hatred for God but with forgetfulness of God.

So, what do you do?

- Don't give in to temptation.
- Don't entertain the temptation in your mind.
- Stand on the Word of God as found in 1 Corinthians 10:13:

“There is no temptation common to Man; but God is faithful who will not permit you to be tempted above what you are able to bear; but will with the Temptation make a way of escape so that you may be able to bear it.”

Have a blessed week!
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