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Chapter Ten Gadgets, Gizmos, and Gimmicks to Make Weddings a Whiz. Chapter Ten Tacky Temptations We Beg You to Resist. Chapter Ten Ideas to Make a Wedding Special.

The desire to do something or perform an action that one may enjoy immediately but may probably later regret for various reasons. It is something that makes you want to do something that you know or believe is completely wrong. It can happen to anyone. Temptations are everywhere and may strike you at any time. It also comes in many phases. You could be tempted to buy an ice cream though you promised yourself you will not because you are on a diet. Or, buy a dress when you have so many hanging in your closet with still price tags on it. Temptations keep rolling in. But how do you avoid and fight temptation? Especially for married people who have committed themselves to someone that they will stick with each other through thick and thin? Have you been tempted once in your life? Yes, temptations can happen and for so many reasons. We easily get tempted to do something when we are faced with attractive things and people around us. Sometimes, we get really tempted that we perform an action just to satisfy our desire and craving, but later on regret doing it. It may perhaps be alright when you are tempted to buy things you already have if you can well afford it. But, it is a different story when you are married and is tempted to enter into another relationship with someone because you cannot resist it. Have you experienced it? How does it feel? For those who have avoided it, what did you do to fight the temptation? Have you been tempted and do not have any idea on how to avoid it? Try these proven and tested tips to fighting temptation: Train your brain to avoid temptation. Think about the end result or the consequences of your behavior if you act a certain way. Will it do you any good? Will you regret it later on? What would be its consequences? These are just few questions that you should be asking yourself before acting on your desire. For example, if you are tempted to buy something ask yourself if your finances allows. Train your brain by telling yourself you cannot afford it and that you should not put it on credit since the bank will charge you a huge amount of interest at the end of the billing cycle. If married and tempted, think how important is your marriage. Think about your kids if you have any. Are your wife and kids more valuable than an object of art or a total stranger? Will you be a good role model to them when they grow up? Remember, kids look up to their parents for guidance. If you are the wife and happens to be attracted to another guy or perhaps a lesbian. You can control your emotion by training your brain not to commit a wrong to your family. Training your brain to function for the good of the family is not hard if you put your heart into it. Be smart and stay connected. Look for strength in your family and friends. Asking help from someone close to you is a sign of strength and not a weakness. Avoid going places without the family. Spend time with your family whenever time allows. Or, if it is a store item that you are tempted to buy bring along a family member and ask them to remind you not to get it. When you go out always remind yourself not to sacrifice your time, money and effort on something just to satisfy your desire. Time, money and effort are very precious that you should allocate them to your family who will always be there for you no matter what happens. In marriage, it is a very critical issue if one is tempted to commit a wrong to the marriage vows. When one makes a promise it is supposed to be the seal that binds a couple together. However, marriage in itself is not a guarantee that one cannot commit a wrong. When faced with temptation, always remember the five 5 tips above and these additional tips below: If the foundation of your marriage is strong, nothing can never set it apart. Let the love for your wife grow by remembering the days when you were still courting her. Were you not crazy enough at that time just to get her attention? Why not do the same instead of focusing your attention to another woman whom you do not know or may later on will just hurt you. Focus your energy for the well being of the family. Any woman will always be a subject of temptation when you allow it to sink in in your brain. Avoid it by focusing your energy on some projects you kept hanging for a while. Keep an open line of communication. An open line of communication is the secret to a strong relationship. It keeps the relationship healthy if both parties know what each other is doing. Life is too short to not let the person you love know how much you love her. This is hard for anyone but any man can be faithful to the wife if he will put love at the center of the relationship.

Chapter 2 : Walking the Little Way -

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My Lord, allow me please I beg you, to say a few little words, even if only of the smallest value, on this most beneficial and holy of topics. A soul as small and wretched as mine will most certainly struggle to say anything of use on such an important topic and therefore, my Lord I pray, You inspire anyone who reads this to seek out priests, bishops, and religious who are far more learned than I am regarding such a profound and divine subject. I am but a humble faithless soul who struggles herself daily against the temptations of this world, and therefore it is with a nervous hand that I seek to write on such a lofty topic. Guide my pen, I beg You my Heavenly Spouse, for without Your inspiration there is but nothing of value which a soul as wretched and vile as mine could ever hope to say upon this subject of spiritual poverty. For we Your servants sojourning here upon this earth the blessing of the love of holy poverty is of extreme benefit. May we gain, by Your grace, a true spirit of poverty " a poverty which is not one which oppresses your servants, although that poverty as well has its value to those who You have chosen to suffer material poverty for their spiritual benefit, but one which liberates we little souls from the entrapment and stares of the Devil. A spirit which frees us to worship You alone with our whole hearts, our whole minds, and our entire souls. Without the poverty of spirit we are left to be servants not of you, our Most Blessed Lord whom we should seek alone to give ourselves over to freely in loving slavery, but we become instead servants of money, of fame, of honors, awards, and accolades " we become, my Lord, servants of ego. We become nothing but servants of the world. We become servants of that master whom seeks only to tempt our souls away from the love of you, our most merciful Lord, and instead spend our days in love and worship of worldly pleasures and comforts. We can not serve two masters " we know this in our souls to be true for you have said it to us Yourself. Why is it then, Lord, that we can not free ourselves from the clutches of this world and instead seek out these temptations of the Devil; temptations which, perhaps, provide some vain and temporary material pleasure but for which we pay with our immortal souls? It is because we are but the weakest and most vile of souls that we trade eternity with You, our most blessed and merciful Lord, for a handful of gold upon the earth. Therefore, my Lord, My Savior, My hope, I beg you to bless all we your servants with hearts overflowing with a profound love of spiritual poverty. Give us the full knowledge, I beg you, of our vile and faithless natures so that we, who are most deserving of only your hatred and justice, may come to know that it is upon you alone, our Lord, whom we should depend for our salvation. It is you alone, and not our fellow men who are just as incapable of raising themselves as we, that we should seek to please " you who has in your infinite mercy for us seen fit to save us from the eternal punishment of Hell which we ourselves have no hope of meriting freedom from, and into which we by our very nature deserve to be cast for all eternity. It is by your mercy alone that we are redeemed. Let us not then seek the rewards, the accolades, the praises, or the benefits which come from a misguided love and seeking after the goods, pleasures, and reputation which can be gained from this world. The price is too high. My Lord, may we never fall into such a wretched state that we see the trade of eternal life in your arms as worth less than the praise of our fellow man. My God forbid this thought from ever entering the minds of your faithful servants. Keep us free, my lord I beg you most earnestly, we little souls who desperately wish to see your face in Heaven, from ever desiring rewards and praises of this world. Let us, knowing fully our wretchedness, seek to be seen by nobody but you, our dearest Lord " and this let us do only with the greatest humility and in a spirit of service and praise. Keep us in our lives seeking to bring glory to you alone through our actions. Let us never seek worldly honors by the use of what little and humble talents You have found fitting to bestow upon us, our Lord, as these You have given to us for a single purpose " to serve and bring glory to You, our Blessed and Merciful Lord. Therefore, let us never, my Lord I pray, seek to dishonor You by seeking to honor ourselves. Bless us with truly humble hearts and fill us with the spirit of true and holy poverty so that we shall never be made slaves to the Enemy. Thusly fortified, my Lord, we shall be set free upon the world as your servants and soldiers and will be strengthened in the warfare being

constantly waged against Satan, his minions, and those unrepentant souls whom He as beguiled and corrupted into His most unholy service. Clothe us in the armor of holy humility and arm us with the sword of spiritual poverty and we shall be an army of servants for the Lord against which the enemy and his minions shall never prevail! Thusly fortified we shall be capable, with your Grace our Lord, of resisting even the harshest attacks of the Devil. May we all, your little and timid servants, come to know the true freedom that comes from loving you alone and may we never seek the pleasures given by anyone but you, our Holy Spouse in heaven.

Chapter 3 : 10 Ways To Resist The Devil - Tim Challies

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There they are separated by gender and left for two weeks in the titillating company of members of the opposite sex, the gals babealiciously comely, the boys hunkariffically handsome. Will the couples remain true to each other? Or will island instincts take over? In the end, though they were tempted, none of the four couples chose to leave their partner. The truth is, we all live on Temptation Island. And only the Bible tells us how to deal with it. Verse 13 tell us that temptation is a common human experience. But not all of us respond to it in the right way. The book of James tells us that temptation does not come from God. But each one is tempted, when he is drawn away by his own lust, and enticed. Then the lust, when it has conceived, bears sin; and the sin, when it is full grown, brings forth death. Martin Luther once said that temptation is like a bird flying over our head. No one can prevent that from happening. But sin is when we let the bird build a nest in our hair! Verses tell us that being religious does not guarantee immunity from temptation and sin. Paul gives us a powerful lesson from the painful experience of the Hebrew people. Then Paul devotes considerable attention to the failures of the Hebrew people. His point is that spiritual complacency can lead to disaster, and it can be prevented only by knowing and heeding the warnings of history. All of the Israelites had the same experiences in Exodus. They all saw the same phenomena and the miraculous interventions. They all worshipped God together and were nourished. But not all of them were faithful. Some committed idolatry Exodus Some committed immorality and 23, died in one day Numbers Some grew impatient with God Numbers Some rebelled against God and were destroyed Numbers In the process of reviewing this history lesson, Paul refers to several unusual aspects of the Exodus story. He spiritualizes their experiences in a fascinating way. Paul is taking some liberties with the idea of baptism as an initiation into the ways of God. He sees the cloud and the sea as symbols much like John the Baptist does when he says that the one to come after him would baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire. The Israelites had literal food and drink, but Paul is saying they also had spiritual food and drink. But many of the Israelites failed the test when it came. They yielded to sin and nearly destroyed their nation. And we cannot count on a false security based on formal religious observances. We are warned against presumption and arrogance about our standing with God. Those who think themselves secure are more exposed to danger than any others. Apparently the wolf picks up the scent, and after circling the knife warily begins licking the frozen blood. He begins to lick faster and faster as the desire for blood literally drives the wolf wild. So great becomes his craving that the wolf never notices the sting of the sharp blade on his tongue as the blood being consumed gradually becomes his own. Morning finds the wolf lying dead in the snow. Temptation lures each of us just as the bloody knife attracts the unsuspecting wolf. That is the main question for all of us. First, we must be on the alert. Presumption will lead to destruction. Your adversary, the devil, walks around like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Withstand him steadfast in your faith, knowing that your brothers who are in the world are undergoing the same sufferings. One way to resist temptation is to remember that every temptation succumbed to by one person is successfully resisted by another. You, too, CAN resist, which brings us to the second point. Second, resist the devil and submit to God. But resist the devil, and he will flee from you. As he clears a high hill, he sees two large lions waiting on the road ahead. As he stays on the road and draws closer to the lions, he discovers the way of escape. He sees that the lions are actually beside the road and chained so that if he walks in the middle of the road he will be safe. Ministers Manual for , p. Being so much better prepared myself, and open to the direction of Holy Spirit, my sermons are getting stronger and clearer, and our services are more coherent. Fourth, remember that Jesus is on our side. Let us therefore draw near with boldness to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace for help in time of need. Remember the temptations of Jesus, in each case Jesus responded to the propositions of Satan by quoting Scripture. We should do the same. God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted above what you are able, but will with the temptation also make the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. There would be no freedom if there were no

temptation. But ultimately, temptation can teach us about the power of God. It is not meant to make us bad, it is meant to make us good. It is not meant to weaken us, it is meant to make us emerge stronger and finer and purer from the ordeal. Temptation is not the penalty of being a man, temptation is the glory of being a man. It is the test which comes to a man whom God wishes to use. Scripture quotations from the World English Bible. Copyright , Mickey Anders.

Chapter 4 : 4 Times In Life You Should Expect To Face Temptation - Tim Challies

Dick, this is one question that I could not pass because I can see that cannot resist temptation because you are not a leader but a follower so YOU could not pass temptation.

How can I overcome temptation? The Scriptures tell us that we all face temptations. We are told that Christ was also tempted: Where, then, do these temptations come from? First of all, they do not come from God, although He does allow them. Satan is roaming on the earth like a lion, seeking people to devour 1 Peter 5: Verse 9 tells us to resist him, knowing that other Christians are also experiencing his attacks. By these passages we can know that temptations come from Satan. We see in James 1: We allow ourselves to think certain thoughts, allow ourselves to go places we should not go, and make decisions based on our lusts that lead us into the temptation. How then do we resist the temptations? First of all, we must return to the example of Jesus being tempted in the wilderness by Satan in Matthew 4: All our efforts to resist will be weak and ineffective unless they are powered by the Holy Spirit through the constant reading, studying, and meditating on the Word. But if our minds are filled with the majesty and holiness of God, the love and compassion of Christ, and the brilliance of both reflected in His perfect Word, we will find that our interest in the lusts of the world diminish and disappear. Here, then, is the only means to guard our hearts and minds in order to keep the sources of temptation away from us. Remember the words of Christ to His disciples in the garden on the night of His betrayal: Most Christians would not openly want to jump into sin, yet we cannot resist falling into it because our flesh is not strong enough to resist. We place ourselves in situations or fill our minds with lustful passions, and that leads us into sin. We need to renew our thinking as we are told in Romans We must no longer think as the world thinks, or walk in the same way that the world walks. Avoid it, do not pass by; Turn away from it and pass on. We are easily carried away by our own lusts. Jesus is not saying that we literally need to remove body parts. Cutting out the eye is a drastic measure, and Jesus is teaching us that if necessary, a drastic measure should be taken to avoid sin.

Chapter 5 : THE TEMPTING TEMPTATIONS “ Candles Online

Oh my Almighty Eternal All Powerful God, I beg you to help me to comprehend for once at all, that I must let temptations go, that I must let them go, so that your holy word of James can become.

Amen O, my most Precious and Adorable Jesus, how deeply You suffered to redeem us from ourselves yet how little we wretched and ungrateful sinners are willing to endure in order to keep ourselves from succumbing to even the littlest of temptations. Indeed, without Your willing it to be we terrible souls cannot but help falling into sin, yet we “ who are powerless to save ourselves “ seem so often to refuse the great Grace of Salvation You have died to give we unworthy servants of Yours. Why do we turn away from Your infinite Mercy to gain some fleeting worldly fancy? Why do we, the most miserable of Your creatures, run not into your loving embrace but towards the cold snares of the devil with such unceasing frequency? Why do we foul and sinful souls choose so often to cause You greater suffering through our endless and ever-increasing depravity? O Lord, if You would keep us from falling into the greatest of sins, we would still reject You and Your promise of salvation for nothing more than a morsel of material gain or carnal pleasure. Therefore, I beg You my Lord, my God, through the intercession and prayers of Your Most Holy and Blessed Mother who never fails to come to the aid of Your servants when we earnestly cry out to Her, take from us, Your pitiful, weak, and most undeserving servants, all great temptations. We are but little souls incapable of resisting those great temptations and vices with which You forge Your most celebrated and holy Saints through their resiting and persevering, by Your Grace, against the attacks of the Devil which You allow for their spiritual benefit. Instead, I beg You profusely my Lord, send us who know ourselves to be but weak and feeble souls only the littlest and most straightforward of trials as these will be all that we can bear. Keep us from wishing for that which is for those greater souls so that we, who unlike Your Saints, are most inept at keeping ourselves pure and sinless when put to even the mildest of trials may exercise our faith against that which we miserable, and most ungrateful slaves can hope “ with the aid of Your Grace “ to remain vigilant against and withstand. Through these little trials at which greater and more holy souls than ourselves would merely scoff yet which pose for us little souls, such insurmountable obstacles guide us so that we may be made more pure and holy growing in our faith and ability to serve You in more meaningful and sacred ways. Until then, my Most Holy Love, keep us safe from these greater temptations, I pray, and may our struggle against these often forgotten and seemingly insignificant trials, by our uniting them with Your most Perfect Sacrifice and after the hands of our Blessed Mother embellish them, be made fruitful offerings unto You, Our God. Against the smallest temptations keep us constantly vigilant, my Most Blessed Lord, so that we may grow “ if it be Your Will “ into servants capable of suffering yet greater trials for Your Glory. And if it be not Your Will for us that we should take upon ourselves these feats fitting only to Your spiritual giants, and if You deem it better for our spiritual progress that we should wrestle merely against these smaller temptations all our days, accept our lowly sacrifice and pitiful efforts and bless us, I beg You, with the prudence to seek out no greater trials than those which You have deemed us worthy to battle against, and keep us, my Lord, I pray, satisfied with the lot You had cast for us in Your infinite wisdom when You created us. Keep us from trying to soar with the Saints when we yet but struggle to writhe with the worms. May You keep us ever humble and devoted to You alone, My God, and satisfied by all which You deem us worthy to receive and against which You have found it just for us to struggle. Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, As I sit down to write this weeks letter I find myself once again reflecting upon the study edition of St. The common temptations of the world “ those temptations that holier persons than we would find not yet a tiny challenge to resist “ are for us the most dangerous and devastating foes in our spiritual lives. Often “ although certainly not always “ we little souls are blessed with a deep love for our Lord which allows us the blessing of maintaining active and devout spiritual lives. We find it easy to keep ourselves chaste, to avoid pornography and other sexual deviancy, to keep our religious and spiritual obligations “ both those imposed by the Church and those taken up under the guidance of our spiritual directors “ and to keep a watch on our tongue and the way in which we show charity and kindness to others; however, it is because of our weakness and feeble natures that God tests us not

by these greater trials. He knows us too weak to resist them if He were to prove us with them, and He knows just how great our need is of the graces contained in a devout spiritual life if we are going to resist the trials with which He does know us lowly and meek servants of His capable of withstanding for our spiritual benefit. However, it is because so many are far greater than we pitiful little souls that our priests, bishops, and deacons so frequently offer us guidance on the more heinous sins and temptations. The Lord tests great souls by great trials and the weak He checks with the smallest of trials; however, to each, their trials are exactly what will push them to the highest level of spiritual life deemed fitting for them by God. Therefore, we who are so small ought to remain ever more vigilant in our defense against those sins which destroy the littlest among us so readily but are those which are spoken of the least. Remain ever vigilant then, my brothers and sisters, and think not yourself capable of greater feats than those which God has seen fit to guide you towards. Watch yourself, then, ever more, and guard vigilantly against those trials which are so seemingly small, and so familiar and insignificant, that they seem obvious and warrant no mention or warning to those more advanced than we wretched and vile souls. Our Blessed Lord knows how absolutely foul we would become if He sent upon us His greatest demons. We meek and feeble slaves would be crushed instantaneously and left to the pickings of the unholy spirits most foul if we even for a moment tried to resist that which God challenges His even minor greater servants than we. In His great and perfect Mercy He keeps us from the front lines of the Spiritual Warfare being waged unceasingly by His faithful servants who He tests in the trenches of great sin, vice, and temptation against the waves of those who serve His fallen and depraved angels and against whom we little souls have no hope of prevailing. However, do not think yourself safe, O Christian soul, merely because God has set you behind the protective lines of His Holy and Catholic Church for God has still, indeed, claimed your soul for Himself and not one of His slaves â€” not even the most wretched and faithless as we â€” shall be allowed to go untested. In our Lords perfect knowledge, He forges trials and temptations fitting for each of His servants relative to their individual abilities and which â€” even when small and of seemingly no consequence â€” shall push each of His slaves to our spiritual summit if we but trust in Him and remain faithful. Therefore, although the means by which our Lord allows little and meek souls to suffer for His Glory and our spiritual benefit may seem to others but a mere inconvenience we little souls know genuinely just how harmful these little temptations are to us faithless sinners. We know they are as difficult for us to resist as profound greed, inflated pride, and the most wretched and lustful carnal temptations are for those our Lord has chosen for higher and far greater spiritual heights. If we allow ourselves to turn away from our Lord for, but a moment, if we let ourselves to fall from His Grace for only the time of a breath, we may lose all to that which, for greater souls than we, would merely need to be put out of their mind. We must not mistake the grace of love and devotion for our Lord with spiritual accomplishment. It is because of our weakness that He graces us with such deep spiritual longing for union with Him. How often do we allow ourselves the luxury of a few more moments rest beneath our covers only to find those brief and fleeting moments growing unnoticed into another Mass not attended? How terrible when we reward ourselves with the expenditure of our free time upon some frivolous and worldly pastime instead of spending that valuable time on fruitful and spiritual endeavors! Is it truly worth risking eternal happiness so that we may enjoy the temporary carnal pleasure of a lustful glance if single or the excitement of adulterous flirtation if married? My Adorable and most Merciful Lord how often do we turn from you led by some silly and fleeting passion. We little souls who strive so diligently to be devoted to you, who say our daily Rosary, who faithfully attend Mass each morning, who read and write often about spiritual topics, who visit as often as possible in Adoration chapels around the world You in the Blessed Sacrament, we feeble and weak souls who take from you the great grace of being allowed to live a fruitful and spiritual life â€” lives which so often your greatest of Saints had to struggle daily to maintain â€” fall so often into spiritual pride and think ourselves able to forgo our defenses against the lower, and often overlooked, temptations of this world. We fall into spiritual pride thinking ourselves responsible for the graces which are given to us by You alone so that we may grow in sanctity and remain vigilant in our devotion and service to You, my God. Keep us then, I fervently pray my Lord, from ever again forgetting that it is only because of our weakness, and not because of any significant deed or good performed upon our part, that you make that which is hardly easy for us. It is because You deemed for us little souls that which is easy to be a

challenge enough that you have graced us with such profound love, devotion, and trust in You. It is by these underserved graces alone, these graces which we all too often waste and squander, that we are allowed to be blessed with an active spiritual life without which we would fall into great depravity, and vice by temptations so small others would hardly notice themselves being tempted. Let us not think, indeed My God forbid it from ever entering into our minds, that we are responsible for any of the good which you have given us in our lives and allowed us to perform and therefore begin to think ourselves capable of soaring with your spiritual giants. Instead, my Lord, keep us ever mindful of our absolute wretchedness and incapacity for anything worthwhile so that we not only become aware of the profound necessity we little souls have for maintaining, by Your Grace alone, a devout and spiritual life in order to keep us safe from the vilest, and yet the smallest, temptations of the world. Keep us vigilant, our Savior, against those everyday temptations which You have deemed suitable tools by which the Devil is to test your smallest, weakest, and most faithless servants. Keep us always aware of our wretched natures and therefore ever cleaving to You against the temptations of mundane and daily life which pose such significant challenges to we little and miserable sinners. Amen Therefore, we who are weakest will be tried by that which seems most straightforward, and the harshest of temptations shall try those who are, unlike us, strong and holy; yet all of us will struggle, and all of us will most certainly stumble, and this is why, my brothers and sisters, even we little souls must never turn away from our God, must never allow ourselves to fall into even the smallest sins, and must never think ourselves safe because we keep a devoted spiritual life or attend daily Mass. The Lord allows us such blessings because we, in our weakness, need them even more. A healthy soul can soar to unthinkable heights, but we sick, depraved, wretched, writhing, and foul souls ought to be more than pleased that our Lord has called us to His Church and should never seek after that which is beyond the challenges He, in His perfect wisdom, has deemed beneficial for us in our spiritual development; for, instead of bringing us benefit, overreaching in our spiritual exercises and devotions will lead to ruin of the highest degree. Let not your guard down for a moment! For we little souls whom God has blessed with the loving hearts of children will be continuously tested by temptations in the face of which even a child in age would laugh. God grants rest and repose to those whom He proves by the severest of trials. Spiritual consolations are reprieves granted only to those whom God intends to use as His most glorious of Saints as He knows the severity of their most taxing of trials would lead them to ruin just as the smallest of tests destroy we little souls. Against our trials, however, there can be no reprieve but death for there is no other escape from this world, and it is by the very struggle of the mundane daily life in our exile here on earth that our Blessed Lord has chosen to test us weak and miserable sinners. Yet there is still hope for sweetness here on earth, my brothers and sisters, a sweetness of suffering made beautiful through the union of it with the most perfect and holy sacrifice of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Run to Him, my Brothers. Run to Him, my Sisters. Hurry to our Lords embrace as a little child runs into the arms of her father when she finds the world too awesome, too scary, too dark to bear. Run to Him and look not at the greatness of the trials overcome by your Brothers and Sisters. Let each their own suffering and trust that ours is sufficient for our Lord to forge we little souls, by His Grace, into suitable and acceptable servants in His Kingdom. Know, O Christian souls, that God has sent unto us only that which is needed to transform our lowly and miserable lives into fitting and worthy sacrifices to be offered up to Him. Let us not then, my Lord I pray, in our spiritual zeal and misplaced enthusiasm seek to act as if we know better than You who is all knowing and overreach seeking trials and temptations far greater than You realize us capable of resisting. Let not our desire to appear holy to those on earth force us away from that path which You have willed us to walk. Truly expunge these wretched thoughts of pride and vanity from our minds as soon as they begin to wage their vile attacks against our weak and feeble natures. Keep us humble, my Lord, my God, and keep us satisfied with the position You have created us to fill in Your Kingdom for to be the lowest in Heaven is better than to be the best in the eyes of men. Let us be satisfied with all that You have chosen to give us Lord, and keep us from desiring that which You know to be harmful and unfitting for souls as little as ours. Let us close this letter, my dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, with a prayer from the Little Office of our Blessed Virgin Mary imploring and begging Her to intercede for us with Her Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, that we may never seek to extend ourselves beyond that which our Lord deems fitting for us and that we remain ever aware of the true

lowliness of our condition and need for Our Lord if we are to resist even the smallest of temptations here on earth so that we may enter into His Kingdom and enjoy eternal life with Him in heaven: Forgive, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the sins of Thy servants; so that we who cannot become pleasing to Thee from our own actions, may be saved by the pleading of the Mother of Thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

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It's got a nice beat, and you can dance to it. That's the way the teen guests on "American Bandstand" used to review records, and maybe that's the way we should review made-for-TV miniseries like.

Sylvia came to the United States at the young age of . She was living with her single mother in Paris but had pretty much raised herself. Sylvia and I shared a room during our freshman year in high school. Until then, I had lived a pretty sheltered life. My parents were unaware of the temptations Sylvia brought into our home. I have not hesitated to challenge our kids to make good friendship and relational choices, and I have pointed out certain behaviors that I see in their friends that concern me. Temptations for Teenage Boys Boys also have to face the influence of Internet porn. Porn distributors spend millions to find ways around firewalls to hook men young and old. If you discover your son is viewing something on the Internet he should not, here are a few things to keep in mind. Adding shame will not help matters. Satan would love to cause a deeper rift between a son and his parents. Most all men will have to face down this demon at some point in their development. Your son is not abnormal, sick, or deviant. Do get him help. Many good counselors specialize in this common area of struggle. Support groups and mentors are also available. Do place new boundaries in place. You may need to change Internet providers or hold a password so you know when your son is surfing the Net. He may also need the accountability of his dad asking him how he is doing. Uncles, grandfathers, and youth pastors can also be helpful. Having the computer in a public room like the living room can help when you are at home. Do applaud him as he develops new skills to help himself overcome. A young man who has an intense relationship with Christ will have more power to overcome this snare. Encourage hobbies that might seem risky to you like whitewater rafting or rock climbing. Please share your thoughts and comments:

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The question is, though, how do we do this? In very practical ways, how do we resist the devil? Sponsor Become a Patron 1. Be Ruled by the Word. Make the Word of God your rule and authority and live in obedience to all it says. It will keep you walking straight and guard you from all manner of temptation. Beware of Grieving the Holy Spirit. There is a great difference between knowledge and wisdom, between accumulating facts and applying Scripture to those facts so they become wisdom. Resist the First Stirring of Temptation. It is safe to resist temptation and dangerous to dabble in it. Labor to Be Filled With the Spirit. The Spirit is a Spirit of light and power. A humble heart would rather lie in the dust than rise to prominence by sinful means; it would prefer to lose everything than to sin and be left with a guilty conscience. The humble person is neither drawn in by what Satan offers, nor terrified by his threats. Be Constantly on Guard. A secure soul is a soul in a position to be led astray and ensnared. So be constantly on guard. Continue Communing With God. Such a soul will fight it out to the death. You need to draw the power, and even the desire, to resist sin from Jesus Christ and you need to do this every day. But do not rely on them in the battle; instead, rely on Christ.

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But how groundless this is the text may inform us. Let me â€” I. That the apostle is not speaking of the powers of mere human nature, but of human nature Divinely assisted. That he does not affirm that the measure of Divine grace shall be such as to enable us so to baffle all temptations, as to live perfectly sinless, but only that we shall be preserved from falling into such sins as to throw us out of the favour of God. That the supernatural assistance which enables us to resist temptations, supposes our use of means and our concurrence with it to the best of our power. There is no temptation but what hath been actually withstood by holy men and women, and what hath been already done may be repeated. They who say any temptation is not to be conquered speak absurdly and inconsistently. For â€” 1 A temptation is an experiment, a trial, whether we will do or forbear such a thing; and therefore it supposes it to be in our power to do or forbear, else it were no trial. And therefore, if it be not now equal to every temptation, the grace of God has been given us in vain. But if there be any such things as inducements to sin that are altogether insuperable, there is an end of his boasted freedom. The great end of man is to glorify God by living according to the perfect rule of right reason and virtue; and yet impossible it is that he should ever attain this end while he converses with temptations which he cannot surmount. Now all other beings have powers that enable them to fulfil the design of their creation. Is man alone utterly destitute of these powers? And how can He but be the author of sin who hath so adapted us that it is impossible for us to withstand the force of them? His promises are most express and full 2 Corinthians There is matter of encouragement arising from hence to the good Psalm Is not He that is with you stronger than he that is against you? And hath He not promised that His strength shall support your weakness? Here is ample matter of reproof to the hypocrite and the profane person. Let them not indulge the hope that in this thing the Lord will pardon His servant 2 Kings 5: Wherefore, laying aside shifts and excuses, let us set ourselves in good earnest to resist all temptations; let us put out all the strength which we naturally have to this purpose, and beg of God supernaturally to supply us with what we have not.

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There must be method to the madness, there must be patterns of how and when we are tempted by specific sins. But at the very least we can observe this: There are some times in life when you should be especially wary, when temptation is especially likely. Here are four times you should expect to face temptation. You need to be careful, though—prosperity is not a curse and you do not need to dread it or be suspicious of it. Always be aware that prosperity may be a kind of smokescreen that obscures the great temptation lurking behind it. Be wary of prosperity! During Times of Spiritual Lukewarmness There are inevitable times in life when your delight in God grows lukewarm. There are times when your heart longs for satisfaction in something—anything—other than God and his riches. In these times your worship can become marked by a lukewarm formality. In these times you may be sure that Satan is close at hand to tempt you, to draw you even further from God and even deeper into lesser pleasures. Your heart is already marked by lukewarmness and he longs to chill it even more. Fight right now to restore the joy of your salvation. During Times of Spiritual Highs Just as temptation may be close behind your spiritual doldrums, it may also be lurking close behind your spiritual heights. You can observe this very thing in the life of Paul, who was given the great gift of being caught up to the third heaven and seeing Christ there. Yet immediately he was visited by Satan 2 Corinthians God loves to bless us with those times of freedom and pleasure. We love to be blessed by him in this way! But temptation may lie close at hand. In those times of great spiritual enjoyment you may be so satisfied in your current state that you begin to neglect the means of grace, you stop fighting sin, you accept this delight as your due. You may even brag about the heights you have reached, and all but beg God to chasten and humble you. Enjoy soaring to those spiritual heights, but do not cease from guarding your heart, mind, and soul. In fact, be especially vigilant in those times. During Times of Self Confidence In times of self-confidence you can be sure you will soon enter into sore temptation. Yet within hours he had not only abandoned him but denied him three times. This world is full of temptations custom-crafted to appeal to every depraved heart. The greater your confidence in your ability to overcome these sins in your own strength and the greater your confidence that these sins cannot sway you, the greater the likelihood you will be tempted with them and the greater the likelihood you will fall into them. Beware of self-confidence and flee from its first awakenings. Trust always, only, ever in Christ. Expect Temptation, Resist Temptation Temptation will come. It will come to you. It may come in times of prosperity, times of lukewarmness, times of spiritual excitement, or times of dangerous self-confidence. Be especially vigilant in those times! But always remember that even when temptation is inevitable, succumbing to temptation is not. You must, and you can, endure. Second, I posted a variation of this article a couple of years ago but wanted to rewrite and hopefully improve it.