

When Sinners Entice

by Tim Dooley

“Come on!” “Why not?” “No one will know!” “What’s the harm?” We’ve all heard the enticing, felt the pressure, endured the ridicule, and on occasion given in to the temptation. However, we know that the sinner’s enticement is not always so forward and easily identifiable. More often than not the inducement is subtle and that nagging voice isn’t from a neighbor or friend but comes from within our own minds.

In Proverbs 1:10 we read, “ My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent.” From this wisdom we can derive a few things that will help us when the sinner comes calling.

Remember who you are and whose you are. Solomon says, “My son.” Those who have been washed in the blood of Christ have become the sons of God (John 1:12). Giving in to the temptation puts us at odds with our Father. We have given ourselves to serving Him and not ourselves. We are children of the King and need to remember who we serve.

Be prepared! Solomon says “if” but maybe the better word would be “when.” Satan and his minions are busy with enticement and strike when we least expect it and when we are most vulnerable (Matthew 4:1 – 3). Sin is portrayed as innocent and harmless, even pleasurable and Satan often disguises himself as “an angel of light” (2 Corinthians 11:14). We need to be prepared when the sinner entices (Ephesians 6:11; 2 Corinthians 2:11).

Do not consent! Who is in control? There is no sin in the temptation for even Jesus was tempted. But far too often we shirk personal responsibility and claim, “I couldn’t help it” or, “The devil made me do it.” Read Romans 6:12 – 17 and tell me who is in control. Someone once said, “You can’t prevent birds from flying over your head, but you can keep them from building nests in your hair.”

Sometimes I think how much easier living the Christian life would be if God would simply build a protective barrier around me and never allow me to be tempted. But then I think of how weak and ineffective I would be. Prepare yourself by putting on the whole armor of God, face the temptation with courage, wisdom, and knowledge, and never give in.

But what if I do? Recognize it for the sin that it is, repent of it quickly, and ask God to forgive you. But above all remember to “walk in the light as he is in the light” (1 John 1:7) for this is where the cleansing blood flows. “Submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you” (James 4:7). This is what it means to be faithful.



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Prayer List

Royce Bunch is scheduled for back surgery Tuesday at Baylor to correct a pinched nerve.

Julie Dilbeck will begin a new, intensive series of MS medication tomorrow. It will last from August 10-14, and will temporarily compromise her immune system. Please pray that this will be an effective treatment.

Larry Green suffered a heart attack and is in Trinity Mother Francis hospital in Tyler.

Aline Haden, Jim Haden's mother, was in ICU for a few days last week, but is now at home on Hospice Care. Please, pray for her and the Haden family.

Gerry Harris is home and doing well following his surgery.

Patty McGee, a very close friend of Veran Barrett's, is suffering from pulmonary fibrosis and is not doing well.

Jayne Schafer is still having surgeries and needs our prayers.

Continue to Remember: Yvonne Ainsworth, Don Bowen, Mary Butler, Florence Dickey, Pat Ellis, Velma McDougald, Polly Miller, Eula Parrish, Sandy Perryman, Jan Ross, Mildred Wooten, Rita Compton, Sue Dosser, Doris Eaton, Meagan Gould, Howie Hawkins, Marie Mayes, Dalton McCullough.

Service Men: Clay Bayes, Jason Book, Alston Compton, Robert Johnson, Ryan Payne, Douglas Ramsey, Ryan Stewart, Morgan Weaver, and Payton Weaver

Announcements

We're Taking a Special Collection for Eric Robinson and his family. Eric is an employee of James Olsen and they lost their home and all their belongings in a fire. If you'd like to help this family, donations can be given to the office or James.

Seniors Bible Study this Tuesday morning at 10:30 in the Family Room. Tim will begin teaching on the book of Ephesians. If you need a ride, contact Tim Cooke: 903.641.5515.

SYS at the Brown St. congregation in Waxahachie this Tuesday. We will leave the building at 6:00 PM.

Westhill Ladies are Invited to eat lunch (Dutch treat) this Wednesday to celebrate August birthdays. Meet at Cotton Patch at 11:30 AM. All ladies are invited, ESPECIALLY those with August birthdays.

The Kids for Christ (5th grade & younger) will be assisting with handing out the school supplies on August 15 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. We hope you can all come out and help with this service effort.

If You Would Like to Visit with Thelma Martin sometime (no particular times) to allow Louie & Patty Williams to get out and run errands, see Justin Williams or call the office and let us know when you'd be available.

Miranda (Williams) Senn, Justin Williams' sister, is expecting their first baby in November. She is registered at Wal-Mart and www.amazon.com.

Birthdays This Week

- August 9 - Tom Raley
- August 11 - Rick Newton
- August 13 - Rachel Heim, Wyatt McCombs
- August 14 - Russell Bankes
- August 15 - Carson Barham

Next Week's Class Review of Major Prophets
Isaiah - Daniel

Records for August 2, 2015

Bible Class	188
AM Worship.....	254
PM Worship	180
Wednesday	158
Contribution	\$9,134.32

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