

LEGITIMATE DESIRES

that are no longer yielded to the Holy Spirit's control become evil.

Stages of Temptation

#2 DECEPTION

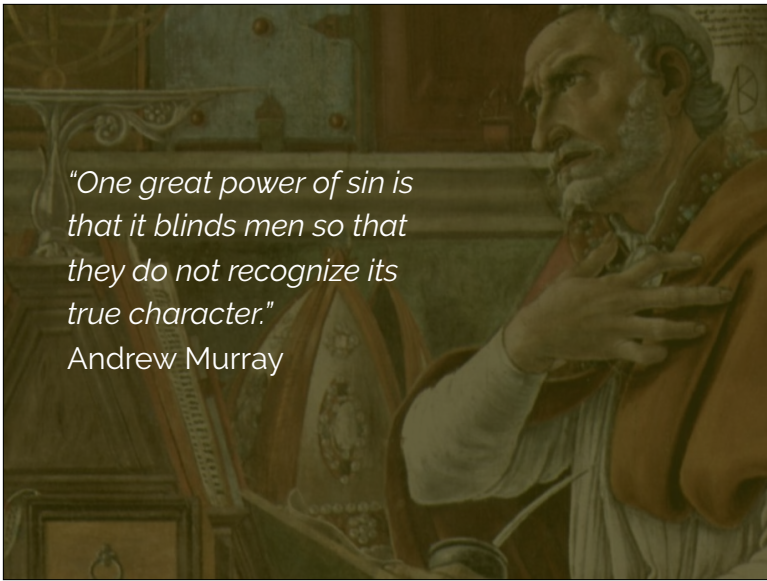
"He is dragged away and enticed..." vs 14

"Dragged Away"

a hunting term meaning, "snared in a trap."

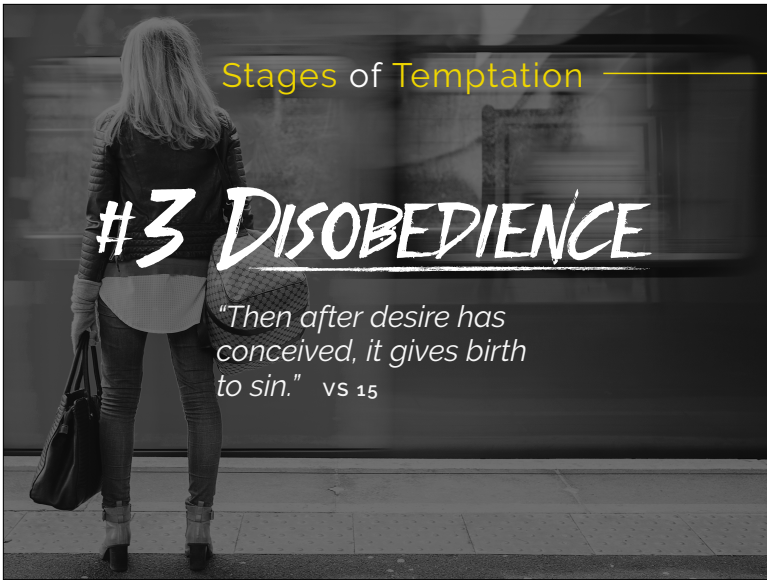
"Enticed"

a fishing term meaning "lured by bait."



"One great power of sin is that it blinds men so that they do not recognize its true character."

Andrew Murray



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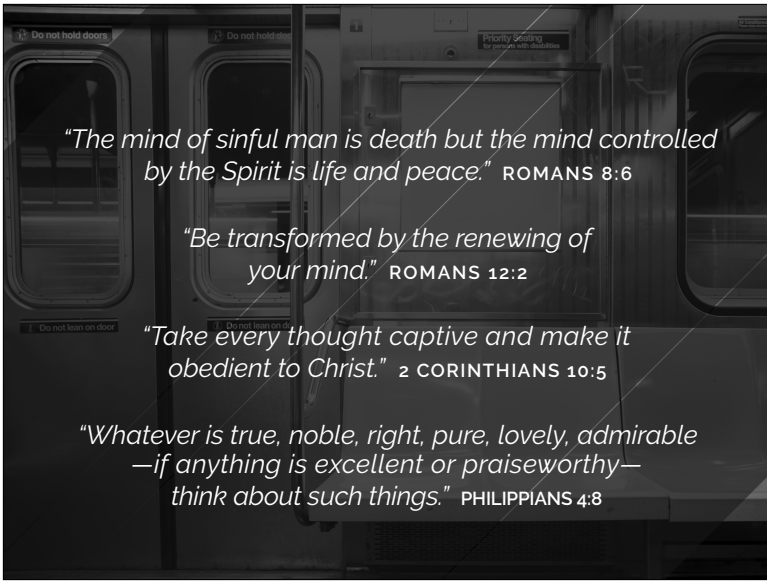
#3 DISOBEDIENCE

"Then after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin." vs 15



Satan seeks my attention, then entices me to have a certain attitude in order to get me to act.

What captivates my imagination captures me.

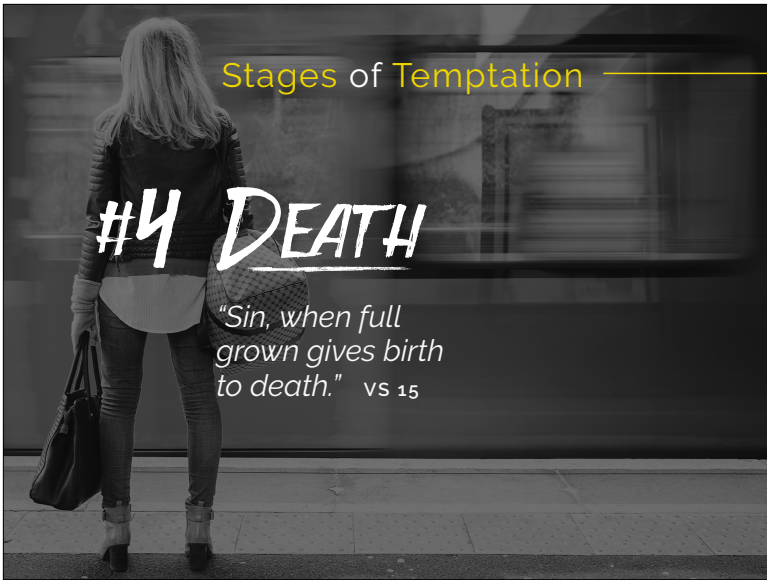


"The mind of sinful man is death but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace." ROMANS 8:6

"Be transformed by the renewing of your mind." ROMANS 12:2

"Take every thought captive and make it obedient to Christ." 2 CORINTHIANS 10:5

"Whatever is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." PHILIPPIANS 4:8



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#4 DEATH

"Sin, when full grown gives birth to death." VS 15



KEYS TO COUNTERACT TEMPTATION

1

I counteract temptation by **being realistic.**

"When tempted..." VS 13

Temptation is inevitable—I am going to be tempted to substitute God's gifts for Satan's counterfeit goods.




KEYS TO
COUNTERACT TEMPTATION

— 2 —

I counteract temptation
by **being responsible.**

*"When tempted, no one should say,
'God is tempting me.' For God
cannot be tempted by evil, nor
does he tempt anyone." vs 13*



A mark of maturity is
taking responsibility for
my actions.

*"People ruin their lives by their own
stupidity, so why does God always get
blamed?" PROVERBS 19:3*



KEYS TO
COUNTERACT TEMPTATION

— 3 —

I counteract temptation
by **being ready.**

"Don't get fooled." vs 13



"Watch and pray that you enter not into temptation." MARK 14:38

"Put on the whole armor of God." EPHESIANS 6:11

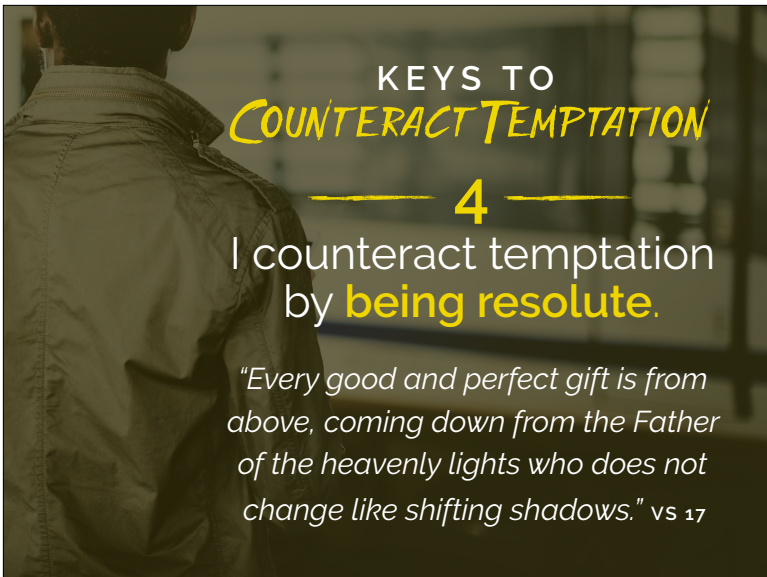
"Be on your guard." 1 PETER 5:8

"Don't be deceived..." JAMES 1:13



Don't Be Surprised When You're Surprised!

"So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!" 1 CORINTHIANS 10:12

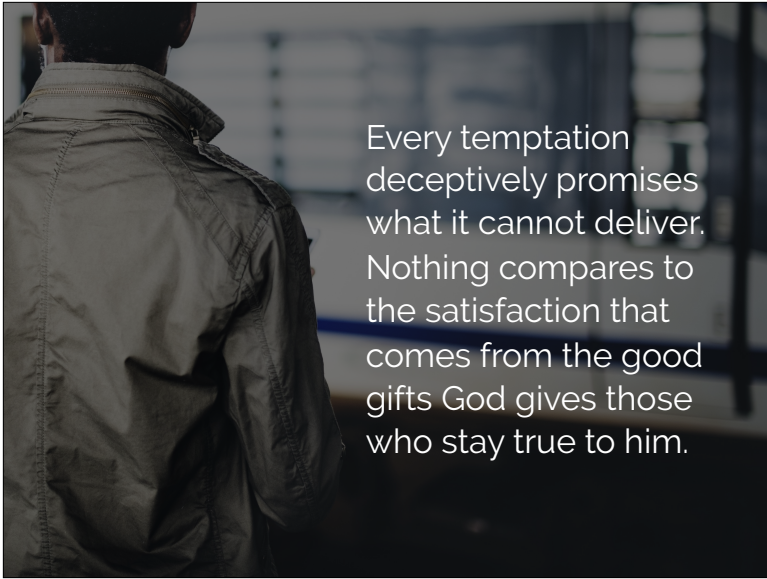


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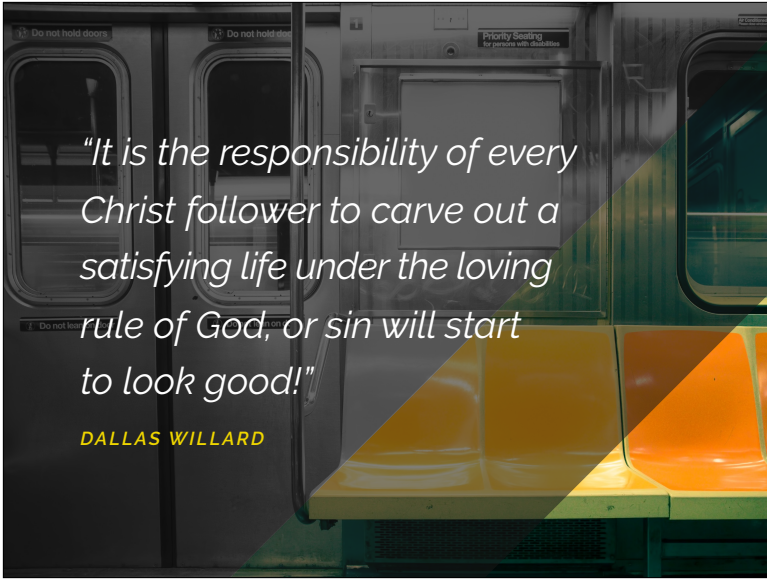
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I counteract temptation by **being resolute.**

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights who does not change like shifting shadows." vs 17

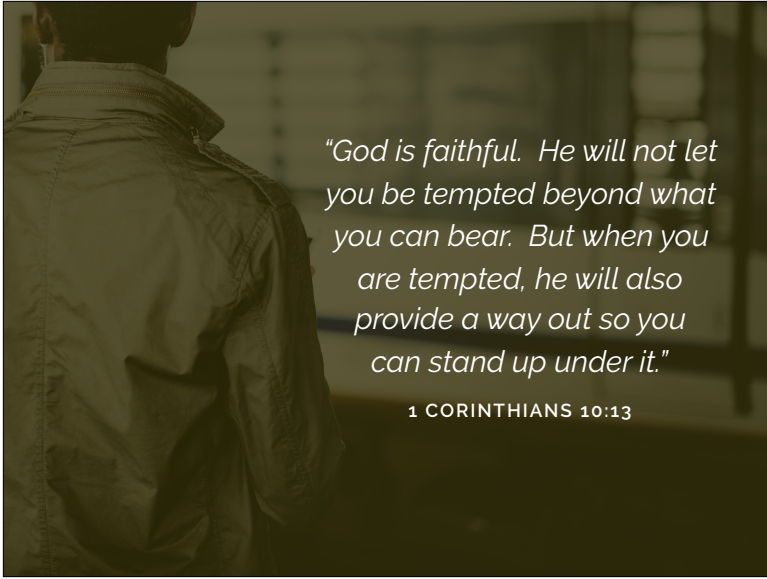


Every temptation
deceptively promises
what it cannot deliver.
Nothing compares to
the satisfaction that
comes from the good
gifts God gives those
who stay true to him.



*"It is the responsibility of every
Christ follower to carve out a
satisfying life under the loving
rule of God, or sin will start
to look good!"*

DALLAS WILLARD



*"God is faithful. He will not let
you be tempted beyond what
you can bear. But when you
are tempted, he will also
provide a way out so you
can stand up under it."*

1 CORINTHIANS 10:13



"Because he himself
suffered when he was
tempted, he is able to
help those who are
being tempted."

HEBREWS 2:18



JAMES
FAITH IN MOTION
PART 2
TAME YOUR TEMPTATIONS
