



Dear Abby

Godly Advice for Those Tempted to Sin

1. Remember _____ (vv.23-24)

2. Ponder _____ (v.25)

3. Believe _____ (vv.26-29)

4. Value _____ (vv.30-31)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. It is recommended that you take time this week to write out your response to each of these questions. This will help to drive home the point of today's message and will help you apply the principles to your life situation.

1. It is difficult to wholeheartedly respond to a message regarding temptation unless we are sensitized and disgusted by the sins that we commit. How aware have you been lately of your own sin and compromise? Give some examples of areas in your life where you have recently violated God's holy standards.

Though all our sin was paid for on the cross there is little hope for spiritual growth unless we continue to be concerned about the damage caused by the sins that entangle our Christian lives. What are some logical ways by which you can insure that you do not become complacent about sin in your life?

2. Read Ephesians 4:1; Colossians 1:10; and 1 Thessalonians 2:12. How can you keep this high calling in mind during times and in places where you are tempted to compromise? Be creative and practical.
3. Satan is an expert at making sin look appealing. How has he baited the hook of sin in your life?
4. It is easy to doubt God's goodness when he delays our gratification. In what situations have you experienced the *superior* joy and fulfillment of waiting for the gratification of your needs and wants in God's timing instead of yours?

In what ways are you currently tempted to seek to get what you want *when* you want it?

5. Though you rarely hear our world show any concern for it, few things hurt more or last longer than a violated conscience. When have you experienced a "staggering burden" (v.31) on your conscience?

Thankfully, our God is a forgiving God who would love to turn the aftermath of previous sins into a motivation to say "no" to the temptations that you will face this week. How will you seek to turn past failures into a safeguard against sin today?