

PROVERBS: Wisdom for Living

Study 10: Lead us not into temptation

READ Proverbs 7:1-27 and **LISTEN** to Pastor Craig Baxter's [sermon](#).

There is no period in the Christian life where we are not beset by temptation. Despite time and spiritual maturity, temptation is always at the Christian's side, seeking to undermine and destroy our Christian faith. Chapter 13 of the London Baptist Confession of Faith is right when it states, "The Christian is involved in a continual and irreconcilable war." It is no wonder Jesus tells us to pray, "lead us not into temptation" (Matt 6:9-13). In our passage this week Solomon paints a graphic picture to show the importance of holding fast to wisdom since temptation seduces and destroys the simple.

Main lesson: Because we live in a world full of temptations, God calls us to earnestly and diligently avoid temptation at all costs.

Questions:

1. What is the scene described in vv. 6-10? What might be a modern-day scenario and application?
2. The youth didn't immediately fall into sin. From vv. 6-23, what were the steps that led to sin? See James 1:14.
3. How is the woman described in vv. 10-12? What about others attracts you? Do your friends draw you closer to God or further away from Him? See James 4:4.

4. What does the adulterous woman testify to the youth in vv. 13-14? What does this tell you about her view of religion? See Lev 7:15 for context of the sacrifice.
5. Notice the passivity of the youth. How might staying closely connected and transparent with a local church help you in your battle against temptation and sin? See Gal 6:1; Heb 3:12-13.
6. How does 1 Cor 10:13 encourage you when faced with unavoidable temptation?
7. A. As best as possible, explain how following the father's instruction given in vv. 1-4 protects a person from temptation; both in avoiding and yielding to it. See Heb 4:12; Psalm 119:11; John 15:4,7; 8:37; 1 John 2:14.

B. How are you keeping and treasuring up the Lord's commandments (v. 1)? What difference is it making in your life? Do you need help to do this?
8. What has been most convicting or encouraging about this lesson in how you might face and avoid temptation and sin in your life?

STOP AND PRAY:

Praise: *God in Christ, who has defeated the powers of sin, Satan and the world*

Confess: *areas where you continually yield to temptation instead of trusting Christ*

Pray: *daily, as Jesus has said, that you will not be led into temptation*