

*“Flee  
Youthful  
Lust”*

**2 Timothy 2:22**

# Youthful Desires???

“Youthful desires”, are not just  
“desires of the young”!

“Youthful desires”, sin of all ages.

– James 4:7-8, “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.”

# Nature of Temptation

## James 1:13-16

### Desire, to “lust”, to “crave”

- Desires of this World, **1 John 2:15-16**
  - Lust of the flesh (physical)
    - *“tree was good for food”*, **Genesis 3:6**
  - Lust of the eyes (mental)
    - *“pleasant to the eyes”*, **Genesis 3:6**
  - Pride of life (power)
    - *“desirable to make one wise”*,  
**Genesis 3:6**

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## James 1:13-16

*Deception, to be “drawn away, enticed”*

- **Hebrews 3:12**, *“Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.”*
- **1 John 1:8**, *“If we say we have not sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”*
- **James 1:22**, *“Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”*

**One of Satan’s Favorite Weapons**

# Dealing With Temptation

**Hebrews 4:15**, *“we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.”*

## Jesus Faced Temptation

- **Matthew 4:1-4**, *“command these stones be made bread”*
- **Matthew 4:5-7** *“cast thyself down...from the pinnacle”*
- **Matthew 4:8-10**, *“all these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me”*

# Dealing With Temptation

## The Answer

- ***“...it is written”, vs. 4, 7, 10***
- ***Acts 5:29, “Peter ...other apostles... said, We ought to obey God rather than men.”***
- ***1 Corinthians 15:3-4, “ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain...how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day...”***

# From What Shall We Flee?

## Immodesty

- **1 Peter 3:3-4**, Adorn ourselves inwardly

## Sexual experimentation

- **Hebrews 13:4**, *“Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.”*

## Alcohol & Drugs

- **Proverbs 20:1**, *“Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.”*

# From What Shall We Flee?

## Lasciviousness (Sensuality)

- **Galatians 5:19**, *“Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness”*

## Disrespect

- **Hebrews 12:1**, *“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us strip ourselves of every encumbrance and the sin which weighs so heavily on our souls, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, who have spoken unto you of God: whose faith followed, considering the end of their conversation. Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.”*


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# Words of Encouragement

## Character & Company Reveals the Heart

- **1 Corinthians 15:33-34**, “Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners. Awake to righteousness, and sin not”
- With whom do we associate?
  - **James 5:16-17**, “Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.
- Who do we follow?
  - **1 Corinthians 11:1**, “Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.”

# Words of Encouragement

- What do we follow?
    - **2 Timothy 2:22**, *“follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.”*
  - What’s important to lay hold to?
    - **1 Timothy 6:12**, *“Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life...”*
  - What shall we keep?
    - **1 Timothy 6:14**, *“keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ”*
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