



## When you Doubt the Goodness of God

### Genesis 3:1-7

**Listen!** Man those cookies look good!

**Why talk about this?** Life is full of temptations—most of them are orders of magnitude more dangerous than fresh baked cookies.

**Idea:** When I doubt the Word of God and the goodness of God...I fall to temptations.

The universal elements of temptations that lead to sin are found in Genesis 3:1-7:

1. I listen to Satan, the sworn enemy of God. (v 1a)
2. I question the Word of God. (v 1b)
3. I misunderstand the commands of God. (v 3)
4. I disbelieve the warnings of God. (v 4)
5. I question the goodness of God. (v 5)
6. I desire the “high” of things forbidden by God. (v 6a)
7. I willfully sin against the commands of God. (v 6b)
8. I sinfully entice the people of God. (v 6c)
9. I am sinfully silent during temptations suffered by the people of God. (v 6d)
10. I self-cover my shame before the eyes of God. (v 7)

The “Silver Bullet” for killing temptation. 1 Corinthians 10:13.

1. I recognize all the temptations as common to man.
2. I remember the faithfulness of God.
3. I learn the truth of the “resistibility” of every temptation.
4. I desire, look for, and take the guaranteed way of escape.
  - a. Desire:
  - b. Look for:
  - c. Take:

**For Instance:**

**Application:** The way of escape from temptation is often the Word of God. Matt 4:4.

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## Walking Papers

Practical helps for walking the Christian walk this week.

**Idea:** When I doubt the Word of God and the goodness of God...I fall to temptations.

Please take time each day this week to think through these questions and ideas:

- **Today:** In what ways have you questioned the goodness of God? List. Confess.
- **Monday:** How have you rejected the escapes God gives to you? List. Confess.
- **Tuesday:** In what ways have you been sinfully silent? List. Confess.
- **Wednesday:** In what ways has God been faithful to you? List. Praise.
- **Thursday:** What is the key escape route you need right now? Pray.
- **Friday:** What would you be willing to do to live by every word that comes out of the mouth of God? Begin today.
- **Saturday:** For tomorrow read and reflect on Genesis 3:8-24.

***“We have all we need to beat temptation.”***