

PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

THE PATTERN OF TEMPTATION

It is naïve to assume that temptation happens in an instant. We read the temptations of Christ and think that He was tempted as quickly as we read the passage. That was likely not the case. Likewise, when Satan tempts us, he does not do it quickly. We are often lured into sin an inch at a time. Here is the common pattern of temptation:

1. *Appreciation.* We start by sympathizing with those who have committed gross immorality. We can appreciate how difficult it must have been to avoid committing that sin.

2. *Rationalization.* Then we rationalize the sin by comparing it to worse sins. “Yes, I lied, but it’s not like I broke the law.”

3. *Association.* We start associating ourselves with those who commit certain sins.

4. *Participation.* Finally, we commit the sin. We have removed all hesitation mentally (with rationalization) and physically (surrounding ourselves with those who have no conscience on the matter).

While it is true that some sins are committed quickly without much thought, most sins are committed after the path has been paved in the direction of sin. We must always recognize sin as soon as it is presented to us, and flee from it quickly. There is no excuse for sin.



~~Important Dates~~
The Lord is perfect, restoring the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple" (Psalm 19:7).

3/8: Area-wide youth devo at Trenton Crossing
3/15: Evening Singing
3/15: Happy Haven contribution

3/29: Building Fund contribution

Other News:

Pray for men to come forward and be elders.

Plans are being made for Super Saturday VBS and the Gospel Meeting. Announcements will be made soon.

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Sunday School: 9:30
Morning Worship:
10:30
Evening Worship:
6:00
Wednesday: 7:00

~~Prayer list~~ 924-9714

Tuff Slate had surgery on his skull, and he is recovering well.

Faye Waller has been sick.

Kim Waller sprained her ankle in a fall at school.

Danny Hale, the security guard at Goodpasture, had a minor heart issue last week.

Pray for our missionaries, John Kachelman and Jim Waldron, and also pray for Mani Pagidipalli.

VALUES VS. VIRTUES

I watched a documentary once about the Italian mafia. The show listed all of the values that the mafia held dear. Among them were “Leave your wives out of the business”; “Never go to the authorities”; and “If a member kills another member, revenge cannot be sought until the boss says so.” These are “family values” in the mafia.

So, we see that values are not necessarily moral. Your values are just the things that you care about the most. Virtues, on the other hand, are inherently good. It is good to be considered a virtuous person. Honesty, dignity, and trustworthiness are all characteristics of virtue.

As Christians, our values and virtues should be the ones prescribed by God. We should value what God values. We should strive to live by biblical virtues. It is not virtuous to be just slightly more moral than the average person in our society. Our standard is set by God.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Value virtues. Promote virtues. Live like Christ.
READ: Reed

PRAYER: John Hayes

James Hayes

WORSHIP

WAIT ON TABLE: J. Demonbreum

SERVE: J. Demonbruem, E. Walker, Gupton

PRAYER: J. Walker