

Temptation is an Invitation to Sin



Television commercials makes it sound so enticing; they flash in large bold lettering, borrow up to \$10,000.00! This commercial no doubt was designed to catch the eyes of television viewers. Sound tempting? It is tempting indeed, but what most people don't see is the tiny writing with the extremely high interest rates,

I believe some people have lost their entire life savings including their cars and houses, because they were unable to repay the loan because of the high interest rates. Sin operates similar to a loan shark. Temptation is driven by three vehicles, (1) Satan (2) the world and (3) the flesh. Temptation paints a nice pretty picture of sin, making it hard to resist; one thing it never does is tell us the cost for sin. Yes, sin does have a cost, Romans 6:23-a, says, "The wages of sin is death. Death is the highest price anyone can pay for anything. The Bible asked this question, "For what profit is it to a man if he gains whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matthew 16:36 NKJV).

Temptation can be conquered if we have a relationship with God and in fellowship with Him. The Bible says, "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man, but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it" (1 Corinthians 10:13 NKJV). When temptation comes to avoid sinning, take the route of escape that God will provide.

Remember, sin will take you places that you don't want to go. It will keep you there longer than you are willing to stay' and it will cost you more than you are willing to pay. If you don't think this is true, why don't you ask King David? His sin with Bathsheba cost him the rape of his daughter Tamar by her half-brother Amnon (See 2 Samuel 13:11-14). It cost him the lives of three of his sons, the baby that was conceived by Bathsheba, God took that one (See 2 Samuel 12:14-15). Absalom, David's favorite son, killed Amnon his half-brother another one of David sons (2 Samuel 13:28-29). Then Absalom David's favorite son, his pride and joy were slain in battle trying to overthrow King David (18:9-15). Being tempted is not a sin, but yielding to temptation is.