

The First Baptist Church of Columbus
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TITLE: THE FIRST TEMPTATION: A PATTERN
TEXT: GENESIS 3:1-6

I. GENERAL PRINCIPLES REGARDING TEMPTATION TO SIN

- A. Temptation leading to sinful behavior per se is not a sin however, succumbing to temptation is.

- B. Saying no to temptation is a decision to make long before temptation to sin ever becomes an issue.

- C. Temptation leading to sinful behavior never originates from the hand or plan of the lord. **James 1:13**

II. SATAN'S PATTERN FOR ALL TEMPTATIONS

- A. Believers as well as non-believers become most vulnerable to temptation when they are in solitude.

Who are you in the private moments of your life?

- B. Temptation to sin begins when our attention is given to something that deserves no attention.

Satan appeals to that which grabs our attention which most often than not is one of our weak points. **James 1:14–15**

“enticed” ... **2 Peter 2:14**

2 Peter 2:18 ----

- C. Temptation to sin is delectable, actual or contemplative, (see with our eyes or contemplate with our minds) in its appearance but in the end it never delivers what it promises because it is designed by the evil one to defeat and bring unimaginable heartache.

- D. Temptation increases in intensity the longer we dialogue with its reasonings presented and strengthened by the world, the flesh and the devil.

In Eve's particular case Satan encouraged her to question the nature of God, i.e. His goodness and His integrity.

Reasoning with the world, the flesh and the devil will always lead us to errant theology and wrong conclusions about God and His word.

III. SATAN'S VICTORY GUARANTEED

- A. ...when we give attention to that which does not deserve any attention.

- B. ...when we dialogue mentally or otherwise with the reasonings of the world, the flesh and the devil independently of the goodness and integrity of the Lord and His word.