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Sunday, February 17, 2019

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Our *Blueprints* series is about building godly character. How we deal with sin and temptations determines a lot of what we are building. Our character is on display in what we do and what we don't do.

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"Dear friends, I urge you as strangers and exiles to abstain from sinful desires that wage war against the soul. Conduct yourselves honorably among the Gentiles, so that when they slander you as evildoers, they will observe your good works and will glorify God on the day he visits" (1 Peter 2:11-12, CSB).

"Take delight in the Lord and he will give you your heart's desires" (Psalm 37:4, CSB).

1. Sin Deceives the Sinner by convincing him he doesn't have to <u>fear</u> <u>God or hate sin</u>.

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23, CSB).

2. Sin Deceives the Sinner so that he plans and pursues it.

"For they—their hearts like an oven—draw him into their oven. Their anger smolders all night; in the morning it blazes like a flaming fire" (Hosea 7:6, CSB).

Here Are Eight Ways Overcome Temptation:

- 1. Pray before you are tempted.
- 2. <u>Flee</u>.
- 3. Quote Scripture.
- 4. Pray in the midst of temptation.
- 5. Get a brother or sister to pray with you.

"And if someone overpowers one person, two can resist him. A cord of three strands is not easily broken" (Ecclesiastes 4:12, CSB).

6. Ask someone to hold you accountable.

7. Remember God's faithfulness.

"No temptation has come upon you except what is common to humanity. But God is faithful; he will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation he will also provide a way out so that you may be able to bear it" (1 Corinthians 10:13, CSB).

8. Remind yourself that sin <u>has consequences</u>.

"Don't be deceived: God is not mocked. For whatever a person sows he will also reap" (Galatians 6:7, CSB).