

“NOWHERE TO RUN, part 2: THE ROOT CAUSE”

Genesis 3:11–12 . . . *And God said to Adam, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?”*
12 *Then the man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.”*

Ephesians 2:1–3 . . . *And you He made alive, who were dead in “TRESPASSES” and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to 1) “THE COURSE of this world,” according to 2) the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves 3) in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the “DESIRES” of the FLESH and of the MIND, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.*

“What needs have become Self-Destructive Desires?”

Matthew 6:31–33 . . . *“Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you NEED all these things. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*

Romans 7:8–11 . . . *But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all manner of evil desire. For apart from the law sin was dead. 9 I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died. 10 And the commandment, which was to bring life, I found to bring death. 11 For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it killed me.*

James 1:14 . . . *But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by HIS OWN DESIRES and ENTICED.*

I. Temptation is an “Inside Job”

- Temptation – each temptation is unique to the individual.
- Drawn away – it is the person who drags themselves away toward the temptation
- His own desires – the desire that is rooted solely in the self.

- Enticed – the “*Bait*” used is directly related to the “*Desire*” and you are the one baiting yourself.

II. Temptation is Insidious – *it starts with enjoyment and ends in death*

James 1:15 . . . *Then, when desire has CONCEIVED, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.*

- We conceive – *Desire* gives in to *Enticement*.
- We give birth – The child is sin
- We raise the child – Sin GROWS to Full Grown! We thought it was just an act. We never realized the size or maturity to which it would grow.
- The Child SLAYS the host – *Brings forth death*

Genesis 3:4–5 . . . *Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”*

Galatians 6:3–5 . . . *For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4 But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. 5 For each one shall bear his own load.*

2 Corinthians 5:10 . . . *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.*