

# Shortcut To Your Destiny?

## *Tempting? Part Four*

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Review:

Every time you're tempted there are 3 things at stake.

1. Your future: There are times in your past, where you gave into temptation, and that has impacted where you are in life today.
2. Your family: Some of the things that you're dealing with now are a result of temptations your parents gave into and wrong choices they made that affected the whole family.
3. Your faith: Temptation is a test of your faith, not just your self-control.

Our statement to overcome temptation:

*Temptation, you will not steal my future, you will not steal my family, and you will not steal my faith.*

**In the moment of temptation, you discover 2 important things...**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ you really are.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ you really are.

**Three major categories of temptation:**

1. To meet a legitimate need, in an illegitimate way.
2. To try to use God to accomplish my own ends.
3. **To do the right thing at the wrong time, the wrong way:**  
The temptation to temporarily abandon my morals or values in order to get or achieve something I want in life.

*Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."*

Matthew 4:8-11

**We think the issue is about whether we'll get what we want, but the real issue is your \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Temptation is always a test of your faith, not just your self-control.**

**The root issue is, "Can God be trusted?"**

*When the Lord your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you—a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant—then when you eat and are satisfied, be careful that you do not forget the Lord, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. Fear the Lord your God, serve him only.*

Deuteronomy 6:10-13

**We're all tempted at some time in our lives, to sacrifice what is \_\_\_\_\_, for what is \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"*

Matthew 4:10

**Jesus' strongest desire was unbroken fellowship with his Father.**

**The bottom line: Do not trade what is important for what is immediate.**