

COASTAL CHURCH

EIGHT GOOD THINGS ABOUT BAD THINGS

Temptation: When Shortcuts End Up

Being Long Journeys (Part 2)

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“God can pour on the blessings in astonishing ways so that you’re ready for anything and everything; more than just ready to do what needs to be done.” 2 Cor 9:8 (MES)

1. TEMPTATION IS A SHORTCUT

Key Word: NOW

- Move quickly

“A person who moves too quickly may go the wrong way.” Prov 19:2

- Think shallowly

“Wise people think before they act.” Prov 14:16

- Invest deeply

2. TEMPTATION...

...pries us away from our responsibilities

...increases our workload

3. STEPS TO MANAGING TEMPTATION

- **Don’t be surprised**

“For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature.” Gal 5:17 (NIV)

- **Realize** that temptation is not too strong or too long

“God will keep the temptation from becoming so strong that you can’t stand up against it. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you not give in to it.” 1 Cor 10:13 (NLT)

- **Win** over temptation the first time

“Human desire is never satisfied.” Prov 27:20

“Lust just never quits.” Prov 27:20 (MES)

- **Tell** someone else

“You should get into the habit of admitting your sins to one another and praying for one another...” James 5:16 (Ph)

- **Be filled** with God’s presence

“I need something more! For if I know the law but still can’t keep it, and if the power of sin keeps sabotaging my best intentions, I obviously need help.” Rom 7:14 (MES)

“Let the Holy Spirit fill and control you.” Eph 5:18 (NLT)

“The Spirit gives us desires that are opposite from what the sinful nature desires.” Gal 5:17 (NLT)

“Day and night they think about his law.” Psalm 1:2 (NLT)