

The Devil is in the Detours
Genesis 39:1-12

We find deceptive detour signs in our path which the Bible calls _____. Something that triggers an intense desire to have, say, or do something that is not the _____ or _____ thing. When we do His will, we stay on a straight path toward fulfilling His perfect _____ for our lives. But the tempter desires to _____ God's purpose for our lives. Temptations are Satan's false detour signs.

But God has not left us powerless against the tempter. **1 Cor. 10:13** says that God, in His faithfulness, will provide a _____ so that you can endure it. He also promises that when we resist the tempter, he will _____ from us. Joseph's example of resisting temptation in **Gen. 39:1-12** can help us do the same.

Working as a house slave, Joseph caught the eye of his master's wife who had a physical desire for him. As difficult as it must have been, he did what was right and resisted temptation.

Joseph's reason for refusing her advances demonstrates an important tool God has given us to avoid temptation: _____. When we train our minds to be thankful, we are much less likely to be _____ by the tempter's snares. Anger, bitterness, and resentment _____ us to the wiles of the evil one.

Gratitude is one of God's main ways to help us resist temptation. When we focus on the _____ things, the _____ things, the blessings in our lives, we are less likely to make choices that might _____ our happiness and _____ our lives.

Joseph also shows us that we are more prone to sin when we _____ at the _____. Joseph knew his best chance to resist temptation was to leave _____ and not give his heart and mind a chance to weaken and falter.

You can do the same. As a believer, if you can think of nothing else, can you be satisfied _____? And God has enabled even little children to be able to say "no." So, start there. When tempted, satisfy yourself with _____ and say "_____!"