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## Facing Temptations

*“Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned?  
Can a man walk on hot coals without his feet being scorched?”* PROVERBS 6:27-28

Many of us discover that when the pressure is extreme our good judgment can waver. I don't know of any believer who would not like to consider themselves invulnerable to temptation and sin. But part of “Authentic Christianity” is understanding how to flee from our personal vulnerabilities.

*“Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.”* 2 Tim 2:22 NKJV

***There Are Several Good Protections Against Temptations,  
But The Surest Is To Flee!*** B. Hill

We all experience the external pulls and tugs of a morally bankrupt world that tries to tap into our fears, weaknesses, unmet needs and our sin nature. Good judgment and Godly behavior is possible, as long as we remain disciplined enough to obey His commandments even if we are wavering . . . Make important decisions in the light and learn to flee in advance of the situation and circumstances. If you do this you will turn a fall. . . . into a struggle free of sin.

***Better To Shun The Bait Than Struggle In The Snare*** John Dryden

*“But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.”* James 1:14-15 NKJV

**APPLICATION:** Spend some time examining your own heart, and confess to God your negative tendencies, your impure desires and do not be afraid To NAME THEM, the Father understands the sin nature of mankind. Receive his forgiveness and ask for his help in making good decisions. Do not play around with sinful desires, flee and do something else immediately.

*“How blessed is the man who perseveres through temptation!  
For after he has passed the test, he will receive as his crown the  
Life which God has promised to those who love him.”* James 1:12 CJB

*I Use To Be An Old Sinner Who Was Saved By Grace, But Now I Am A Lover And Seeker Of God Who Sometimes. . . .Struggles  
With Sin!* B. Hill