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Avoid Temptation

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Chapter 1

The Temptations of the Daughters

There are many types of women in the world. Some of them have done great things for God. Others have brought many problems to this world.

A woman with direction is a woman who has discovered her real reason for being in this world. The real reason for every woman to be in this world is not to find a husband; neither is it to bring forth children, per se. I see you as a woman with direction!

A woman with direction learns from the past. The Bible teaches us that there is nothing new under the sun. Whatever has been in the past is what will happen in the future. No one reading this book should see herself above the mistakes of the past. Your life is just a repetition of the life of someone who has gone on before you.

The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun. Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us.

Ecclesiastes 1:9,10

The First Woman Was Tempted

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Genesis 3:6

Many things can be said about Eve. She was the one who was tempted. Today, many women are tempted. Eve was tempted and so will you be tempted. A woman with direction is someone who overcomes temptations. Did you know that a set of distinct temptations exists for women?

Every woman must know that there are temptations that are peculiar to women. You see, the temptations of men are different from those of women. When I became a minister, I was told that ministers are tempted in three main areas: money, sex and fame. Somebody put it this way, "The gold, the girls and the glory."

Tailors are often tempted with the spirit of lying. Doctors are often tempted to have affairs with nurses. Lawyers are often tempted to be immoral. Daughter, you must understand that there are temptations that are peculiar to you because you are a woman.

A woman with wisdom is someone who knows about these temptations. You must be determined to overcome them.

The Temptations of Women

1. The temptation to marry unbelievers

Be ye not UNEQUALLY YOKED together with UNBELIEVERS: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

2 Corinthians 6:14

Many ladies are tempted to marry unbelievers. There are many non-Christian men who come knocking at the doors of young ladies. When no Christian brother is in sight, you are tempted to marry an unbeliever. This is very common. A woman with direction is able to resist this temptation and keep herself.

Many women are tempted to sleep with men. Often ladies sleep with half a dozen or more different men before they eventually settle down. Woman, you will be tempted to do this in order to secure the love of a man. When you go looking for tenderness and love you may receive it, but at a high price. Are you a woman with direction? Then keep yourself pure. Be a woman who overcomes her temptations.

2. The temptation to trust in your beauty

Daughter, do not be taken in by the lies of the devil. Did you think that the devil had stopped whispering lies to women? Certainly not! Demons whisper lies and deception to women all the time. Many women believe that their beauty will last forever. This is why they say "no" to prospective suitors when they propose to them.

Favour is deceitful, and BEAUTY IS VAIN: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

Proverbs 31:30

Many women are deceived into thinking that their beauty will charm a man forever. A woman with direction knows that beauty is vain. She may be beautiful but she is also spiritual. I have seen a young beautiful girl move in to replace the wife of an older person. If you have seen this before you will know how it usually ends. The younger and more beautiful replacement is also thrown out after a while.

One lady told me that she was going to get somebody's husband. I said to her, "The man is already married."

She smiled and said to me, "I am more beautiful than his wife is."

Woman, your charm and beauty have an expiration date. They will not last forever. Seek for spiritual things. It is the inner spiritual commitment of the man that makes him faithful to you and not your beauty. Do not believe that beauty is everything.

3. The temptation to sleep with many people before marriage Some women are deceived into thinking that if they sleep with a man, he will marry them.

Woman, be not deceived! Woman, the man you are currently sleeping with has slept with dozens of other ladies whom he did not marry!

I once read an interesting scientific report about AIDS in Africa. Some people wonder why AIDS is spreading so rapidly in Africa. While AIDS is primarily transmitted through homosexual and bisexual activity in North America and Europe, in Africa, Asia and South America it is primarily transmitted through heterosexual activity (normal male-female relations).

Doctors in the Third World countries confirm that the average sexually active adult in these countries will have between twenty-five and one hundred different sexual partners every year. This level of promiscuity has produced a tragic and widespread epidemic of AIDS. Think about that! Twenty-five to one hundred different partners in one year!

Woman, be not deceived. When a man sleeps with you it means almost nothing. If he can sleep with twenty-five to one hundred people in a year, then you are just an insignificant addition to his list.

Woman with direction, do not believe these lies. Do not believe that sex can keep a man attached to you.

4. The temptation to follow material things

Some women have their confidence in material things. This is also a deception. They believe their happiness hinges on having nice carpets, chairs, furniture, cars, clothes, etc.

Remember the Word of God! A woman's happiness does not come from the things she possesses.

And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things he which possesseth.

Luke 12:15

5. The temptation to be fearful

... whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and ARE NOT AFRAID with any amazement.

1 Peter 3:6

Perhaps the commonest temptation of women is the temptation to be fearful. The Scripture above teaches that the daughters will do well if they are not afraid.

The Common Fears of Women

The fear of not getting married

The fear of not having a child

The fear of marrying the wrong person

The fear of poverty and financial difficulties

The fear of your husband becoming interested in someone else

The fear of your children not doing well

The fear of your husband not loving you anymore

The fear of becoming a widow

The fear of in-laws w The fear of not being liked by others

The fear of being mistreated in the future

The fear of giving your everything and losing it all

The fear of experiencing what you've seen happen to others

The fear of investing your everything into marriage and then losing it all

Fear is the opposite of faith. Fear influences many women to do the things they do. Humbly analyse your thoughts. See if you are doing what you are doing because of fear. Remember that fear is a demon.

For God hath not given us the SPIRIT OF FEAR; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

2 Timothy 1:7

Fear is not a good reason for marriage. Fear is a demon. A demon should never make you do anything. Fear should never make you criticize and accuse your husband. Do things for the right reasons and God will bless you.

6. The temptation to be emotional

... whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid WITH ANY AMAZEMENT.

1 Peter 3:6

"Amazement", speaks of the emotional nature of women. The Scripture teaches that women will do well if they are not amazed (emotional).

When the emotions of a woman dominate her, she loses her focus. Emotions can make a woman forget all the Scriptures and principles she knows.

Do not allow emotions of sorrow, fear, jealousy, hatred, and insecurity to overwhelm you. Remember, you will do well when you are not dominated by your emotions.

7. The temptation to be proud

Because women have suffered greatly from discrimination, they tend to be reactionary. Many women display the pride of a "no- nonsense" person. "I will not take this from any man," they say. "I will not allow a man to disturb my life. You can't keep me in a cage! Why must I do what you say? I am as good as any man, I can do the job any man can do."

One wife repeatedly told her husband, "I am more intelligent than you

are."

There is no need to be proud, there is no need to be reactionary. Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord and He will lift you up!

God can promote you better than you can with your words.

8. The temptation to be unforgiving

I often say that women have fish-hook hearts. This is a deep, narrow and retentive heart which stores up all the hurts and experiences of this life. Even non-Christians sing songs that say, "forgive and forget".

God will not hear your prayers when you do not forgive others. Your life will change dramatically when you learn forgiveness. Woman, remember that your sins are numerous. It is in your interest to walk in love and to forgive those who have hurt you. This will make you a daughter that pleases the Lord.

Daughter, you can make it. In spite of all these temptations, I see you making it! His grace will see you through.

Chapter 2

The Sins of the Daughters

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Genesis 3:6

1. The sin of disobedience

Many women fall into ugly sins. These are often difficult to talk about or even mention. Woman, you are loosed from the effect of your past mistakes! When you look around you, you may think that you are the only one. The devil's plan is to isolate you and make you depressed.

2. The sin of covetousness

Many women fall prey to the sins of jealousy and covetousness. Woman, accept the blessings that God has given to your neighbour.

Do not fight it because you cannot! Gladly attend the wedding of your friend. As you rejoice with her today, people will rejoice with you one day.

Do not be covetous or think that you must have what everybody else has. Women commonly compare lifestyles and clothes. They want their children to attend certain schools because their neighbour's child does.

Woman, be content with your position! When you force yourself to possess things that are not yours, you will only turn into a "Jezebel."

3. The sin of being unequally yoked

BE YE NOT UNEQUALLY YOKED TOGETHER WITH UNBELIEVERS: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

2 Corinthians 6:14

Some women disobey God and marry unbelievers. But to marry an unbeliever is not the unpardonable sin. The church must not drive away

people who are married to unbelievers. It does not mean that you must not come to church anymore. The fact that you are married to an unbeliever, does not mean you are not a Christian. You are welcome in the church!

The pastor is not the one married to the unbeliever; you are! So don't be worried. If you have any problems, see your pastor and he will counsel you and pray with you. Woman, the fact that you have made a mistake does not mean you should stay away!

4. The sin of influencing others to do evil

Woman, thou shall not make thy husband sin. Some women prevent their husbands from going to church. The man is the head, but the woman is surely the neck. Woman, you have a lot of influence. Use it wisely! Do not use your influence to make your husband stay away from God.

The Woman Who Made Her Husband Sin

I remember a woman whose husband was willing to donate some money to the church for some instruments. When the man raised up his hand in response to a fund-raising appeal in church, the woman pulled it down. She stopped him from giving to the Lord. She came up later to lie to the pastors about how stingy her husband was. Woman, do not make your husband sin.

Eve was the woman who made her husband fall into sin.

...and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Genesis 3:6

Abraham knew how important it was for his son to have the right woman. He knew that she would influence him all the days of his life. He was very specific about whom Isaac could marry.

And Abraham was old, and well stricken in age: and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things.

And Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh:

And I will make thee swear by the Lord, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell:

But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac.

Genesis 24:1-4

Abraham sent his servant Eliezer to look for a wife for his son Isaac. He knew how important it was to have the right kind of wife. So he went the extra mile to get a good wife for his son.

Your role in your husband's life is crucial to the fulfilling of his ministry. You are a very important element in his life. Even if your husband is not saved, you influence him spiritually. If you are married to an unbeliever, remember what the Scripture says in 1 Corinthians 7,

For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.

1 Corinthians 7:14

The Bible teaches that the believer sanctifies the unbeliever. Whatever that means, we know that the believing person has a spiritual influence on the unbeliever.

This is the reason why Abraham went so far to get a wife for his son.

5. The sin of destroying God's creation

And the Lord God said unto the woman, WHAT IS THIS THAT THOU HAST DONE?...

Genesis 3:13

Through a woman, God's creation was destroyed. God's lovely creation was greatly deformed and destroyed through the pressure created by a wife. In the end, both she and her husband dwelt in the world that she had destroyed.

That is why God asked her, "What is this that thou hast done?" Woman, do not bring a curse on yourself or your loved ones. Please do not do it! If you hunt for somebody else's husband, his wife and children may curse you. If you have a child with someone's husband, you may disrupt a family and even break it up.

Woman, do not attract curses into your life.

6. The sin of idle chatting

Woman, do not gossip and spread bad stories about God's servants. Do not let your gossip and idle chatter destroy people's faith in God's servants. Many women speak about things that they shouldn't.

...they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not.

1 Timothy 5:13

7. The sin of the strange woman

Woman, do anything you can to prevent yourself from becoming a curse. Do not become a strange woman. A strange woman is someone who deliberately goes after men. She hunts them down and has sexual affairs with them. She is a destroyer of churches. She comes with an agenda and carries with her a curse! Are you a stalker? Are you a predator of precious lives?

A strange woman brings down many mighty men of God. There are some ladies who specialize in sleeping with pastors.

For she hath cast down many wounded: yea, many strong men have been slain by her.

Proverbs 7:26

One of my pastors spoke in fear of a lady who had slept with all the pastors in his town. Woman, please do not be a strange woman. Allow God to use you for a good thing and do not be evil. Decide never to be a Delilah to anyone! Woman, please do not bring a curse home with you. Daughter you can make it. In spite of all these sins, I see you making it! His grace will see you through.

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