

Overcoming Temptation

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Failures

Adam & Eve (Gen. 3)

Why? They believed Satan's lie

“Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’ And the woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’ Then the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not surely die.’”

(Gen. 3:1-4)



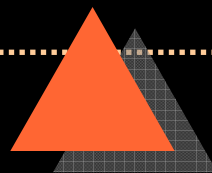


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David (2 Sam. 11-12)

Why? Idleness

It happened in the spring of the year, at the time when kings go out *to battle*, that David sent Joab ... But David remained at Jerusalem. Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman *was* very beautiful to behold. (2 Sam. 11:1-2)



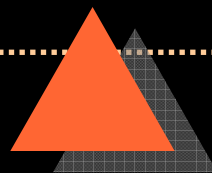


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Amnon (2 Sam. 13)

Why? Lust

... Absalom the son of David had a lovely sister, whose name *was* Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her. Amnon was so distressed over his sister Tamar that he became sick; for she *was* a virgin. And it was improper for Amnon to do anything to her (2 Sam. 13:1-2)



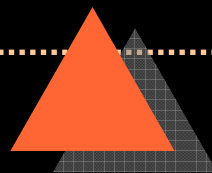


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Gehazi (2 Kgs. 5:20-27)

Why? Greed

But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all *kinds of* evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows (1 Tim. 6:9-10)



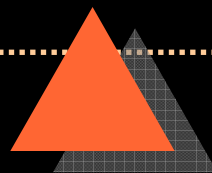


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Peter (Lk. 22:54-62)

Why? He followed afar off

Having arrested Him, they led *Him* and brought Him into the high priest's house. But Peter followed at a distance (Lk. 22:54)



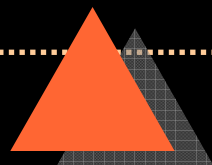


Successes

Joseph (Gen. 39:4-23)

Why? Desire to honor God

**“How then can I do this great
wickedness, and sin against God?”
(Gen. 39:9)**



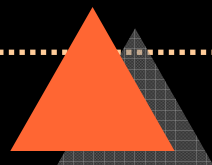


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Psalmist (Psa. 119:11)

Why? Spirit-filled word

**Your word I have hidden in my heart,
That I might not sin against You! (Psa.
119:11)**



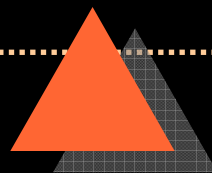


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Paul (1 Cor. 9:24-27)

Why? Self-control

**”But I discipline my body and bring *it* into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified”
(1Cor. 9:27)**





Successes

Joshua (Josh. 24:14-15)

Why? Desire

“And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

(Josh. 24:15)

