

Strolling Past Temptation Avenue

Romans 6:16-23

Run Away – Steven Curtis Chapman

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You hear so many voices calling you

Maybe you'll step in and take a quick look around

Try to walk through it, And you're gonna fall down

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You've gotta run away

Turn around and run the other way

Don't even look in the direction

of a thought you should not entertain

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It's a prison that is calling your name

You just can't win if you play, so run away

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Proverbs 4:14 Do not set foot on the path of the wicked
or walk in the way of evildoers.

¹⁵ Avoid it, do not travel on it;
turn from it and go on your way.

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2 Timothy 2:22 Flee the evil desires of youth and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

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The top five temptations in America:

1. anxiety or worry
2. procrastination
3. eating too much
4. overuse of electronics and social media
5. laziness

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“Temptation is an enticement of our natural, God-given desires to go beyond God-given bounds.” – Charles Stanley

Romans 6:15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means!

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Two unchanging principles about sin:

1. *Sin leads to ever increasing bondage*

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6:16 Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. ¹⁸ You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

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¹⁹ Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness.

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Psalm 1:1 Blessed is the person who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!

Jeremiah 13:23 Can an Ethiopian change his skin or a leopard its spots? Neither can you do good who are accustomed to doing evil.

1 Timothy 4:7 ...train yourself to be godly.

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2. You reap what you sow

6:20 When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. ²¹ What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.

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Job 4:8 As I have observed, those who plow evil and those who sow trouble reap it.

Galatians 6:7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. ⁸ Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.