

Overcome Temptation

Use the letter wheel to decode the important Bible message from Matthew 4:10 and find a good way to overcome temptation.



" 17, 10, 12, 13, 5, 6, 11 14, 5, 3
 7, 10, 12, 2 18, 10, 15, 12
 4, 10, 2 1, 9, 2 13, 3, 12, 16, 3
 5, 6, 8 10, 9, 7, 18."

TIME WITH GOD

It's important to spend time with God every day. We do that by reading the Bible and praying. Spending time with God helps us to know Him better. And when we know Him better, we know how to please Him and resist temptation. Read Colossians 1:10.



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 "Worship the Lord your God and serve him only" (Luke 4:8, NIV).

TEMPTATION

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"And 45, 46, 47," Olivia said. She counted out the last penny from her purse and sighed.

"That's just \$7.47. That's not enough money." She picked up the ad from the newspaper. She looked at the picture of the soccer ball. "This Week Only, \$9.99!!!" it said in big letters. "Regular price \$16.99."

It would take her another four weeks to save up enough for the soccer ball if she didn't buy it today. "I'll never be able to save up that much money," she grumbled to herself. "If only I hadn't bought those candy bars last week."

Candy bars. Olivia was hungry. Dumping her money back into her purse, she hurried downstairs to get a snack.

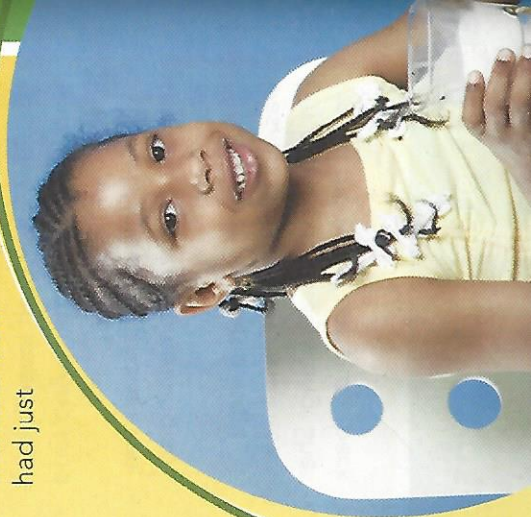
Mom was in the kitchen, looking through her own purse. "Oh, there you are, Olivia," she said. "I need to run over to Mrs. Brand's house and give her this recipe. I'll be back in about five minutes."

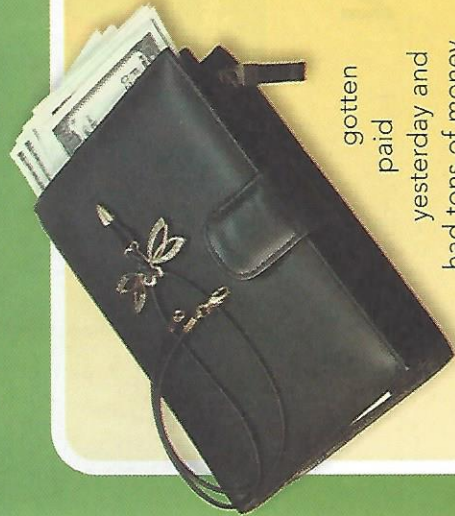
As the door closed, Olivia poured herself a glass of milk

and took some cookies. She sat down to eat her snack. Her eyes fell on her mom's wallet on the table where she had left it. Olivia could see many bills peeking out of the top of the wallet.

"Maybe," Olivia said to herself, "I could ask Mom for an advance on my allowance. Then I could buy that soccer ball."

But Mom didn't like giving her advances on her allowance. She probably wouldn't do it. Olivia reached for the wallet and picked it up. There was so much money: one-dollar bills and fives and twenties. Mom had just





gotten paid yesterday and had tons of money. Mom will never miss three little dollars. I could just take the money. No one would ever have to know.

Looking out the door to be sure that Mom wasn't coming back, Olivia opened the wallet. She reached inside to take out three dollars.

Then she saw the photo. There, above Mom's driver's license, was a picture of the family. It was the one they had taken last Christmas. Olivia was sitting by Mom. Mom's arms were around her. Dad stood beside them, with his hand on Olivia's shoulder. They both loved her. And Olivia loved them. And God loved them all.

Wow! How could I have even thought of doing something so dishonest?

No matter how tempting it was, and how easy, Olivia knew in her heart that it was wrong. She closed the wallet and put it back

where she had found it. Maybe Mom would never know if Olivia had stolen the money. But Olivia would know. And God would know. And that was enough.

Olivia sat down to finish her snack.

I'll ask Mom for the advance on my allowance. And if Mom says no . . . well, a month isn't so terribly long to wait.



What temptation do you need to resist?



Will you let God help you resist temptation?



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