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Acts 6: 4 ASV

## Temptation haunts these People A Message for Youth

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- **Text:** Matthew 4: 1-4

<sup>1</sup> Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. <sup>2</sup> And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. <sup>3</sup> And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

<sup>4</sup> But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

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- Temptation haunts people with an unsuitable philosophy of life.
- What is an unsuitable philosophy of life?  
Anyone who enjoys sin, anyone who does not love righteousness, a narcissist, anyone covetous, anyone who does not love the Word of God.
- Some people not only enjoy sin, they take pleasure in causing others to fall. They plan to trap others in sin. They plot how to do it. They do everything in their power to cause a person to fall.

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They ridicule them, bait them, drive them to anger. Righteousness is ever in conflict with them and the life they have chosen.

8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. Colossians 2: 8

3 For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, whom the Lord abhorreth. Psalm 10: 3

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- 2 And they covet fields, and take them by violence; and houses, and take them away: so they oppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage. Micah 2: 2
- 10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. I Timothy 6: 10

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- Temptation haunts people who are indulgent and irresponsible.
- Who are indulgent and irresponsible? Anyone who does not earn their own way, anyone slothful, a poor steward, a fornicator. One should not keep company with people who are given to fleshy pleasures and appetites. They indulge their desires, no matter the cost. Many wander, panhandle and pilfer. Some are spoiled and wealthy and can afford the life. All refuse to

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discipline themselves. A person who so loves himself has little remaining capacity for loving others. It does not take much to convince the lazy not to work. They doom themselves and their family to a lifetime of want and blame it on bad luck.

- <sup>20</sup> Be not among riotous eaters of flesh: <sup>21</sup> For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags. Proverbs 23: 20-21

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- 10 We commanded you, if any would not work, neither should he eat. II Thessalonians 3: 10
- 19 The way of the slothful man is a hedge of thorns: but the way of the righteous is made plain. Proverbs 15: 19
- 25 The desire of the slothful killeth him; for his hands refuse to labour. Proverbs 21: 25



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- Temptation haunts people who are violent, out of control and rebellious.
- Who is violent, out of control and rebellious? Anyone angry, anyone who shows discord, a railer, a rebel. There is an abundance of people who are unable or unwilling to control their tongues, their tempers or to think rationally before acting. They are under subjection neither to themselves or others. They rebel against God, their parents, the company, and anything

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else that applies standards they are expected to follow. Those who are out of control are often prone to violence.

- 17 For they eat the bread of wickedness, and drink the wine of violence. Proverbs 4: 17
- 29 A violent man enticeth his neighbour, and leadeth him into the way that is not good.

Proverbs 16: 29

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- 17 He that is soon angry dealeth foolishly: and a man of wicked devices is hated. Proverbs 14: 17
- 22 An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression. Proverbs 29: 22
- 9 Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools. Ecclesiastes 7: 9
- 24 Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go. Proverbs 22: 24

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- <sup>14</sup> Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth discord.

Proverbs 6: 14

- <sup>19</sup> It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman.

Proverbs 21: 19

- <sup>12</sup> A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth. <sup>13</sup> He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers. Proverbs 6: 12-13

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- 17 I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. 18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple. Romans 16: 17-18
- Temptation haunts intoxicated people and those in the occult.
- Alcohol or drugs pervert judgment, breed violence, abuse, murder, and destroy families.

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- Alcoholic intoxication is a major social evil, common among all classes. The effects of intoxication are vividly described.
- 25 They grope in the dark without light, and stagger. Job 12: 25
- 14 A drunken man staggereth in his vomit.  
Isaiah 19: 14
- 29 Who hath woe? sorrow? contentions?  
babbling? wounds without cause? redness of  
eyes? 30 They that tarry long at the wine.

Proverbs 23: 29-30

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- <sup>5</sup> They drink, forget the law, and pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted. Proverbs 31: 5
- Scripture warns against witchcraft, Satanism, mediums, spiritism, mysticism, and astrology. Scripture warns practitioners of the occult will be prohibited entry to heaven.
- <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, <sup>20</sup> Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, <sup>21</sup> Envyings,

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murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. Galatians 5: 19-21

- Occultism will be major in the days of the great tribulation. 8 Sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death. Revelation 21: 8



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- The Bible contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation. Its doctrines are holy. Its precepts are binding. Its histories are true. Read it to be wise. Believe it to be safe. Practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct, comfort, and cheer you.
- Memory Verse: 4 Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Matthew 4: 4 ASV