The Battle Within

The Patterns of Temptation

"Another reason I wrote you was to see if you would stand the test and be obedient in everything. Anyone you forgive, I also forgive. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes." *2 Corinthians 2:9-11 NIV*

(def)*scheme: a plan or pattern of action which is followed; especially a crafty, sly, or secret method for achieving an end*

SEE THE PATTERN

Genesis 3:1-7

SATAN'S PATTERN OF _____.

- **HIS _____.** ***("Did God really say…")***
- **HIS _____.** ***("God knows…your eyes will be opened")***
- **HIS _____.** ***("be like God…knowing good and evil")***

MAN'S PATTERN OF _____.

- **SELF _____.**
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MAN'S PATTERN OF _____.

- **WE _____.** ***("fruit was… pleasing to the eye/desirable")***

- **WE _____. *("she took some and ate it.")***
- **WE _____. *("She also gave some to her husband")***

SUGGESTION → TEMPTATION → RATIONALIZATION → DESTRUCTION

"Yes, Adam's one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ's one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone. Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many will be made righteous." *Romans 5:18-20 NLT*

SECURE THE VICTORY

R _____.

Mark 9:43-47

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1 John 4:16

R _____.

James 4:7 / 2 Timothy 2:22

FILL-INS

SATAN'S PATTERN OF CHALLENGING GOD

- **HIS CLEAR WORD**
- **HIS CHARACTER**
- **HIS INTENTIONS**

MAN'S PATTERN OF THINKING GOD'S NOT ENOUGH

- **SELF PROTECTIVE**
- **SELF SUFFICIENT**
- **SELF INDULGENT**

MAN'S PATTERN OF BEHAVING SELF DESTRUCTIVELY

- **WE SEE AND DESIRE**
- **WE TAKE AND SATISFY**
- **WE DRAW OTHERS INTO OUR CHOICES**

RECOGNIZE YOUR PERSONAL PATTERN
RELY ON AND REST IN GOD LOVE
RESIST TEMPTATION BY REPLACING IT WITH GOD'S WORDS AND WAYS