



CENTRAL SHELBY CHURCH OF CHRIST

working and worshipping together to serve the Lord



THINK WHEN TEMPTED

The next time you are tempted to transgress God's law, here are ten things to "think on" and consider:

[1] While the devil is behind every temptation, yet if you sin it will be **because of your own choosing** (James 1:13-15). No one is forcing you to do this.

[2] You will be **breaking God's heart** and at the same time making Satan happy.

[3] You will be **servng Satan**, and not God. "*No one can serve two masters*" (Matthew 6:24).

[4] Whatever sin it might be, it will **separate you from God** (Isaiah 59:1-2).

[5] Your sin may directly or indirectly **cause others to likewise stumble**, an influence for which you do not want to be responsible (Matthew 13:41-42; 18:6-7).

[6] You may have the inclination and the time to repent later. But, then again, **you may not** (James 4:13-17).

[7] You stand the chance of **'paying for it'** in this life, and most certainly in the life to come (if not repented of) (1 Timothy 5:24).

[8] It was that your past sins might be forgiven that Jesus died on the cross -- and now, will you **"trample the Son of God underfoot"** and treat His shed blood as "*a common thing*," by going back into sin?! (Hebrews 10:26-29).

[9] **You can resist the temptation to sin**, no matter what! (1 Corinthians 10:13). Seek the "*way of escape*" which God has promised.

[10] **Pray to God** when tempted. He will "*deliver us from the evil one*" (Matthew 6:13).

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