

ROAD RULE # 5

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*Keep your EYES on the road
or you'll end up in the DITCH.*

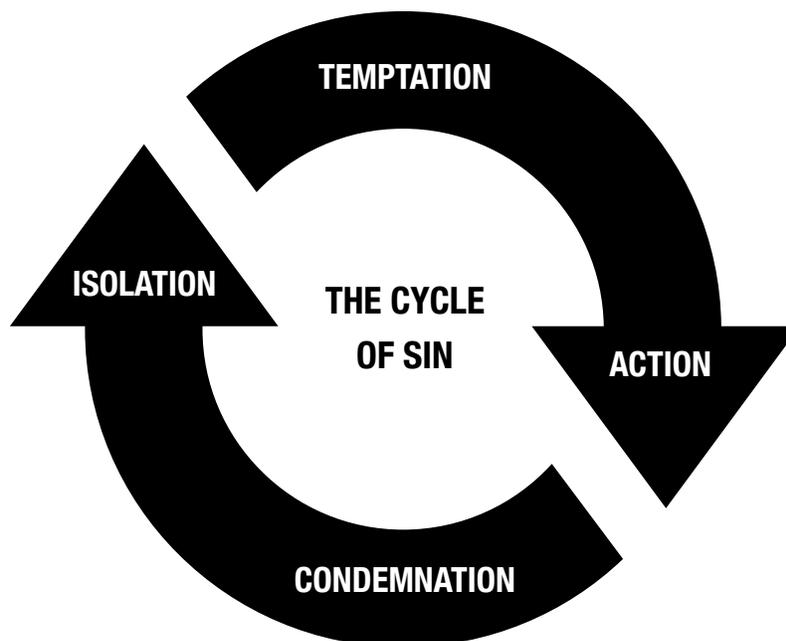
1 Peter 5

⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

*“The Devil has all the TIME in the world
and no MERCY.” - Louie Giglio*

James 1

¹⁴ Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. ¹⁵ These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.



How to WIN the Battle of Sin.

1. Come out of the BUSHES.

Genesis 3

⁸ So they hid from the Lord God among the trees. ⁹ Then the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ He replied, "I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked."

Hebrews 4

¹⁵ This High Priest of ours (Jesus) understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his *MERCY*, and we will find *GRACE* to help us when we need it most.

2. Recognize the LIE.

John 8

^{44b} Jesus said, "The Devil was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies."

2 Corinthians 10

^{5b} We take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

3. Replace it with TRUTH.

Romans 8

¹ So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. ² And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death.

John 17

¹⁷ Jesus prayed, "Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth."

Ephesians 6

¹¹ Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil.

4. Resist the DEVIL.

James 4

⁷ Humble yourselves before God.
Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Matthew 26

⁴¹ Jesus said, "Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation."

Luke 4

⁸ Jesus said, "Get behind me, Satan!"

2 Timothy 2

²² Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts.

5. Follow JESUS.

John 10

²⁷ Jesus said, "My sheep listen to my voice, I know them, and they follow me."

Proverbs 4

²⁵ Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you. ²⁶ Mark out a straight path for your feet; stay on the safe path. ²⁷ Don't get sidetracked; keep your feet from following evil.

Living on MISSION will help you fight TEMPTATION.

Group Discussion.

- Have you ever experienced the “Cycle of Sin” in your own life?
- What’s the biggest lie that Satan keeps telling you?
- Are you sharing your life with other Christian men, or do you find yourself doing life alone?
- How can “Living on Mission” keep you from giving in to temptation? Can you share a personal example?
- What are some things in your life that are distracting you from the mission that God has for you?
(BTW - they may not be BAD things)

Personal Reflection.

Write a personal mission/goal for each one of the 7 Journeys of Life.

Spiritual	
Mental	
Physical	
Sexual	
Financial	
Relational	
Professional	