

Temptation

Bang! Goes my dad's wooden pellet gun. My dad decided to let me target practice with his pellet gun. I love my dad's pellet gun. It has a great scope, and fits me just right. Sadly though, he does not want me to use it much. He says, "If you don't like the one you have, buy a new one." So I've been saving up for his, but a new one with a double barrel. I have saved 100 dollars so far, and the gun costs \$137.00 dollars.

The thing is, I have a bag of money with about 20.00 dollars in it on my window sill. Every time I count, my money or even look over at the bag, I want to spend it. I feel kind of mixed up inside, like I knew it would be wrong, but I would get my gun sooner. The reason I won't spend it is because it's my tithings to God. I have thought about it over 39 times now. I have been tempted to steal it from God. I have been thinking about it for some time now, and I recognize that I should be honorable, and that I have been so under control, and not taken one cent of it. It made me feel good, and happy.

Even today I tithe, and even today my interest grows for that money. I hear Satan's little annoying in my head saying, "Take it! Take it! It will be alright. Just one dollar won't hurt!" I felt annoyed. I wasn't one bit convinced, but I kept wanting it, like a turtle wants a set of faster legs.

I know what's right, and that is to give it up to God. The funny thing is that I keep forgetting to bring the money to church! I'm not sure why. I guess I'm just too caught up in doing things. The sooner I get rid of that money the better! I tried to bring it to school for Pennies for Patients, but I kept on forgetting to bring it to school. I decided to just to keep remembering to bring it to church, but I would get mad at myself for forgetting it at home. I would tell myself that it was God's choice as for when he gets it.

Instead, I would find a way to not care about it. Well, I did. My teacher, Mrs. Snodgrass, said I needed to find a maxim from a famous person as a writing assignment. So, I looked through a booklet with quotes, thinking "Oh no! Another story!" Until I saw a maxim that totally caught my attention, and it was also what taught me to avoid temptation. It was: "If you don't want temptation to follow you don't act as if you're interested," by Richard L. Evans. That quote that if I don't care, then I won't be tempted. I memorized this quote, and then thought how much this could help me in the future. One thing I also recognized is that if anyone ever asks me to do a bad thing, and I'm tempted I won't show any interest, I will stay strong. The bag is still on my window sill, and I'm not tempted at all.

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