

## The Temptation

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### II Timothy 3:16-17

16: "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, & is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,"

17: "That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

### Titus 1:2

"In hope of eternal life, which God that cannot lie, promised before the world began."

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Let's say that a corporation is tempted to finance pornography film making as a means of increasing its profits.

### I Timothy 6:10

"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."

Exploitation = ?

Drug addiction = ?

Degradation of women = ?

Role of film maker = ?

Pornography addiction = ?

All are sins, and all = death.

### Romans 5:21

"That as sin hath reined unto death; even so might grace rein through righteousness unto eternal life, by Jesus Christ our Lord."

### Romans 6:23

"For the wages of sin is death: but the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord."

As is stated, all sinners can be saved from death:

### Romans 10:9

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart, that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

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What are some differences between God and the devil?

The dominion of God is Heaven, and because God is incorruptible, so also is Heaven. Heaven has: (1) no death; (2) no fear; and (3) no sin.

(1) I John 5:20

“And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding that we may know him that is true: and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

(2) John 14:6

“Jesus said unto him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life: no man come unto the Father but by me.”

(3) Matthew 6:9-13 Jesus:

9: “After this manner therefore pray ye: Our father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.”

10: “Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, in earth, as it is in heaven.”

11: “Give us this day our daily bread.”

12: “And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.”

13: “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever, Amen.”

The dominion of the devil is Earth, and because the devil is corruptible, so also is Earth. Earth has: (1) death; (2) fear; and (3) sin.

(1) Hebrews 2:14-15

14: “Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same, that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil:”

15: “And deliver them, who through fear of death were all their life time subject to bondage.”

(2) Luke 12:5

“But I will forewarn you whom you shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed, hath power to cast into hell, yea, I say unto you, Fear him.”

(3) Luke 4:5-8

5: “And the devil taking him up into an high mountain, showed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.”

6: “And the devil said unto him, All this power I will give thee, and the glory of them, for that is delivered unto me, & to whomsoever I will, I give it.”

7: “If thou therefore will worship me, all shall be thine.”

8: “And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shall thou serve.”

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Matthew 7:17-19 Jesus:

17: "Even so, every good tree bringeth forth good fruit: but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit."

18: "A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit."

19: "Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit, is hewn down, and cast into the fire."

John 12:46 Jesus:

"I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me, should not abide in darkness."

John 3:19-21 Jesus:

19: "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil."

20: "For every one that doeth evil, hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved."

21: "But he that doeth truth, cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God."

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The decision would ultimately have to be made by a person, such as a Chief Executive Officer, since corporations don't make decisions by themselves.

However, the structure of the corporation—that is, maximize profits at all costs—tends to place a bias in favour of corruption.

All that would save from such a decision being made is some type of conscience; social, religious, philosophical, ideological, or otherwise.

Can it be proven that religious conscience is the greatest of all others?

Wouldn't it be the case that as the contrasts noted between Heaven and Earth are of absolutes, moral absolutism automatically states that religious conscience is the greatest idea of all the rest?

In moral absolutism, there must be at least one principle that ought never be violated; "Obey God" in itself is incorrect because this implies a lack of a free will. Correct is "God is love; Love God; and Obey God": the first represents Jesus, the second The Holy Ghost, and the third the Father [which three are all one: I John 5:7, Matthew 28:19, Ephesians 4:6, John 10:30, I John 5:20]. (As Classical Roman poet Virgil wrote in 1<sup>st</sup> century BC, "Love conquers all.")

How was the Biblical temptation of Jesus [please see Luke 4:5-8 above] overcome? Via whose will? Jesus' who is God. To restate Virgil using Scripture:

I John 4:7-8

7: "Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God: and every one that loveth, is born of God and knoweth God."

8: "He that loveth not, knoweth not God: for God is love."