

The F.L.E.E. Battle Plan for the War Against Temptation

- A. In *1 Corinthians 6:18*, the Spirit of God straightforwardly commands, “_____ from sexual immorality.”
- B. What’s your plan for your next encounter with temptation?

I. F - _____ yourself with _____.

- A. Two “women” are beckoning us in *Proverbs 9*:
 - 1. Lady _____ (*9:13-18*) — “*Stolen water is sweet, and bread eaten in secret is pleasant.*”
 - 2. Lady _____ (*9:1-12*) — “*Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.*”
- B. God has already revealed the outcome of both options for us:
 - 1. Lady Folly (*5:3-4*) — “*In the end she is bitter as wormwood, sharp as a two-edged sword.*”
 - 2. Lady Wisdom (*John 4:14; 6:35, 47-51; Matt 4:4; Col 3:16-17*).

II. L - _____ out the _____.

- A. God exposes some of temptation’s most fundamental lies in *Proverbs 7:13-23*.
- B. In light of the lies, the path defined by wisdom is straightforward (*Prov 5:8*).
- C. When and where are you hearing the “*seductive speech*” of temptation?
- D. Allow the truth of Jesus’ words in *Matthew 18:9* to sink in.

III. E - _____ the lies for _____.

- A. “*The truth is in Jesus*” (*Eph 4:17-24*) and calls for a response.
- B. When you’re tempted, unsheathe the sword of the Spirit (*Eph 6:17*) and go on the offensive.
 - 1. “God is not _____, but good” (*Deut 10:12-13*).
 - 2. “Sinful pleasures are not _____, but fleeting” (*Heb 11:24-26*).
 - 3. “People are not _____, but image-bearers” (*Gen 1:27*).
 - 4. “This is not _____, but even impacts eternity” (*Psa 51:4*).
 - 5. “_____ does not abound that I might continue in sin” (*Rom 6:1-2*).
 - 6. “I can control my own _____” (*1 Thes 4:3-8*).
 - 7. “My _____ can be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin” (*Heb 3:12-13*).
 - 8. “God always provides a way of _____” (*1 Cor 10:13*).
 - 9. “My _____ does not have to define my future” (*1 Cor 6:11*).
- C. You don’t have to be a part of the “*mighty throng*” of the “*slain*” (*Prov 7:26*).

IV. E - _____ yourself, consistently, to the _____.

- A. Sin will always encourage us to hide in the darkness (*Eph 5:13; John 3:19-20*).
- B. The unvarnished truth: there is nowhere to hide! (*Heb 4:13*)
- C. But God, in the glory of his grace, still invites us into the light (*1 John 1:5-7; 3:4-10*).
- D. Nothing brings sin into the light like confession (*James 5:16*).