

RIGHT WHERE WE CAN GET IT

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Children say things that just stop you in your tracks. Such was the case with Kristie when she was a little four-year-old. It all began when she took her little safety scissors from their usual storage place and used them, after she had been expressly told not to (for a reason I cannot remember). Kellie and I gave her a good scolding. Without missing a beat, she replied, "I wouldn't have gotten them if you hadn't put them where I could get them!" Kellie and I stared at one another for a moment, and just then I realized that there was a lesson in there somewhere. Ah, out of the mouth of babes...

Many choices in life are placed right in front of us. It might be easy to reach out and grasp an evil desire that Satan lures us with. It is right there where we can get it if we want it. God never promised that we would be able to avoid all temptations, only that we could find the way of escape from any temptation (1 Cor. 10:13).

The Bible teaches us that we must "*abstain from every form of evil*" (1 Thess. 5:22). When evil places itself right where we can easily grasp it, we must turn and go the other way. The choice we make should be the one we know is right, and not the one that feels right at the moment. Satan will wrap evil in a pretty package and place it right where we can easily get it if we really want it. Children must learn to make choices based upon what they have been taught is right and wrong. We must do the same. We cannot blame God or the devil for our sins, saying, "*I couldn't help myself; it was right there in front of me.*" The choice is always ours, and we must choose the way that is righteous.

Therefore, if you know something is wrong, don't get involved with it. The "scissors" may be within reach, but if God told us not to touch them, then we must not touch them. If we do, there will be consequences. Let us make mature decisions that will protect us from evil and cause us to grow in Christ and His truth.