

Colloquium 8

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James 1

(1) Restraint

mammon: worldly things (\$, material goods, reputation, occupation, entertainment, etc.)

→ None of these are bad in itself; only when it becomes an idol.

Temptation (James 1:12-15)

→ Temptation does not come from God (but God does ~~not~~ allow it for a greater good: perseverance of the saints)

→ Temptation comes from evil desires (concupiscence)

The devil encourages ~~and~~ this process. He knows our weaknesses.

↓
sin
↓
death

Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis

Don't try to face temptation on your own...

Fr. Mike's Strategy to handle temptation:

- ① The way ^{of} Ulysses: He has the men tie him up (Restriction)
- ② Ulysses' men: had beeswax in their ears so they couldn't hear the sirens. (Run from temptation)
- ③ Orpheus + Jason and the Argonauts (real truths, goodness, and beauty)