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TO UNDERSTAND THIS, you must believe and read the bible and USE the common sense that God gave everybody.

We are ALL led astray by these three temptations of SATAN.

1John 2:16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. It doesn't matter what separates you from putting God FIRST. Drinking, Eating, Drugs, Smoking, Seeking mans approval, Gossiping or anything YOU put before GOD. If any of these things are YOUR driving force (deep craving) in life, then they are wrong. WHY WRONG you say, because wether or not we will admit it. It is the domineering force in our decisions, our actions and lifestyle. PLUS the world (sinful nature) as a whole, do it. You say, whats the big deal with this? WELL the bible says that if you are a friend of the world (meaning: you do as the world does and agree with their activities), you are an ENEMY of God.

James 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

If you really know Jesus, you will not argue or defend yourself when confronted with correction, YOU SEE, if your not doing wrong, then there is nothing to defend, let alone get upset about, IS THERE? If you are doing wrong, then just remember that, as many as the Lord loves, he also corrects.

Revelation 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. It is IMPOSSIBLE to follow your cravings, habits or addictions and then turn around and say you put God first in your life.

Luke16:13 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. (*wealth regarded as an evil influence or false object of worship*)

Revelation 18:4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

If you were Born again, I would not go so far as to say it will keep you out of heaven because we are saved by Grace, Through Faith, not of Works (**Eph 2:8**), BUT, we will receive the same plagues.

James 1:8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

Most religious people will say: "It don't say thou shalt not smoke, in the bible." True, but it does say, "Don't do as the world does."

You see, we are also supposed to follow the example that Jesus set for us.

John 13:15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

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