

Urban Legends

“The Devil Made Me Do It”

BIG IDEA: It’s an urban legend that the devil makes us sin. When we give into temptation it is our own desires that lead us into sin.

I. Temptation is a process

- Temptation begins with desire.
- We think, “I am going to get that.” We intend to have it.
- Through our willingness we develop a plan to get it.
- Our physical movement causes us to possess the object of our desire.
- We gratify our desire to possess the object.

II. What triggers temptation in us? (Ephesians 2:1-3)

- The devil
- The world
- Our flesh

III. How do we resist temptation? (1 Corinthians 10:13)

- We need to be watchful. (1 Peter 5:8; Mt. 26:40-41; Galatians 6:1)
- We need to constantly pray. (Matthew 6:13; 26:41)
- We need to do it in faith. (Eph. 6:16; 1 Peter 5:8,9; James 4:7)