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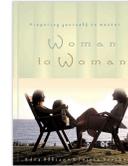
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From the Pastor's Desk

Temptation

At a recent Pastor's Conference, I heard an excellent presentation on the "process of temptation" based on James 1:12-19. I shared it at the men's breakfast last week, but I think it is worth sharing again and in this broader format.

Get your bible and read the text and then review the following 5 steps.

1. **Attraction** – Sinful or unwholesome things get or are brought to our attention and seem to have some magnetic property that draws us. This typically happens through 2 primary means; by seeing and by feeling. Think about King David when he saw Bathsheba

on the rooftop. There was an attraction that began with his sight.

2. **Deception** – (vs 14 & 16) We believe the lie that this sinful thing is harmless. Or "I can stop whenever I want". To use a fishing analogy, we essentially don't see the hooks in the lure, but only notice the flashy, attractive appearance. That is what happened when Eve noticed "that the tree was good for food and was a delight to the eyes"...she didn't see the hook! Satan knows the lures in his tackle box very well.
3. **Pre-occupation** – (vs 14-15) The attraction and the lack of recognition of the deception begin to take over our thought life. We begin to contemplate and soon we are preoccupied with this issue. Our desire begins to rule us.
4. **Conception** – (vs 15) When desire and opportunity meet, conception happens. That is when things move from our thought life into the physical manifestation of the sin. You are alone, you meet someone, you have the money, whatever the opportunity is.
5. **Subjection** - (vs 15) Soon after the conception of sin we become it's slave – we are subject to the thing that previously only attracted us. Now it controls us! James says that this leads to death.

We need to learn to see everything through the eyes of God and His Word. This helps us to recognize what sin is and stay away. Both King David and Eve would have done well to run in the opposite direction from what was attracting them. We also need to become sensitive to the deception that we tell ourselves. Verses 17 & 18 help us to remember that God sends good and perfect gifts. Everything else is not from Him.

What next?

1. Learn this "process" and begin to see it in our lives. Know what sins you are attracted to and do not give the devil a foothold. Be prepared to teach others.
2. Be convinced of God's unchanging goodness and the nature of God and His gifts.
3. Be aware of your condition as a "new creation" in Christ. We have been forgiven and have the Holy Spirit to help us with self control. Be holy because He is holy.
4. Read, meditate on and memorize God's Word. It is powerful and will not return empty.

To the glory of God,
Pastor Wade



Financial Information

January-April 2017

Total Giving:

\$49,000 (total General offerings) vs.
\$44,000 (total Budget is 11,000/month)

Pledge Giving:

\$37,800 (total given by those making pledges)
vs. **\$32,800** (total pledged YTD, \$8,200 per month)

Budget vs. Actual Expenses:

January 1st cash balance **\$12,300**
YTD general offerings **\$49,000**
YTD total expenses **\$43,600**
April 30 cash balance **\$17,700**

Account	Budget	Actual
Payroll	\$30,141.00	\$31,600.00
Missions	\$4,117.67	\$3,400.00
Plant & maintenance	\$4,180.00	\$4,100.00
office	\$2,016.67	\$1,400.00
discipleship	\$1,005.00	\$250.00
Property Ins	\$866.67	\$650.00
Miscellaneous	\$166.67	\$0.00
Fellowship	\$666.67	\$350.00
Outreach	\$200.00	-\$400.00
Worship	\$383.33	\$530.00
TOTAL	\$43,743.67	\$41,880.00

Current Maintenance account:

\$6,800.00

Current Emergency Fund:

\$7,200.00

Current Building account:

\$25,200.00

This is a summary to keep you informed. If you would like to discuss this in more detail, contact Corey Olson or Wade Hetrick

Worship music note:

I want to thank those of you who have been making worship music suggestions. It is good to hear what music you find impactful. I always read the suggestions and consider them. Sometimes the music doesn't fit well with the sermon topic, the song is new, or not well suited to congregational worship. I am always open to hearing what you have to say, but may not implement the music.
Thank you - Deb



Final Sunday School is June 4th. TECH Time continues through the summer.

THANK YOU Teresa Strenn!! After 3 years of leading our Children's Ministry, Teresa is

stepping down at the end of this school year. All that she has done on behalf of the children of Community Church is greatly appreciated!! May God continue to use you powerfully as you invest in the lives of countless children of the fox valley...especially your own!

Women:

LIFT: (Ladies in Faith Together) group will meet Monday June 12th at 5:30pm at the church. There will be a time to celebrate Holy Communion, prayer time and meeting. All Ladies are welcome to join us... Please feel free to invite friends and family.

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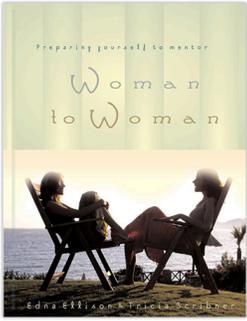
For the past couple years, Community Church has been on the "waiting list" to provide a lunch to the MASA (Mission Aviation Support Agency) aviators at EAA. This year, a spot is available for Tuesday, July 25th. We will provide lunch for around 200 mission aviators & support personnel. We need 8-10 volunteers to help prepare & serve the meal. Some of the preparation work could be done the evening prior if you are not available during the day, but would like to be a part of this service project.

If you are not aware, MASA is a local Christian group that organizes church, business & individual volunteers to provide meals, homes, vehicles & transportation for Mission Aviators. This makes it affordable for mission aviators & agencies to attend EAA.

We will decide what the meal will be when the volunteers are identified. Please let me know if you are interested and available for this opportunity or would like more information.

Pastor Wade Hetrick

JOIN US FOR “Woman to Woman: Preparing to Mentor”



WHO: Women (18 and older) of Community Church (whether a member or not)

WHAT: “*Woman to Woman:*

Preparing to Mentor” is a 5-week program designed to equip and inspire us as women to come alongside other women in our Christian walks. Fee will be only \$3.00 (payable on the first evening). The Women’s Ministry will cover the remainder of the book cost.

WHEN: Each session will go from 5:30-7:00 pm (light snacks will be provided) on the following Tuesdays: July 18, July 25, Aug 1, Aug 15, Aug 22

WHERE: Community Church of Appleton

WHY: As Jeni Fobart, Executive Director of Titus 2 Mentoring Women, reminds us, **The great commandment calls us to love.** “*You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and greatest*

commandment. A second is equally important: Love your neighbor as yourself.” Matthew 22:37-39

The great commission calls us to make disciples.

“*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” Matthew 28:19-20*

Mentoring is a culmination of both of these. Discipleship through intentional relationships is our calling. We all have relationships in our lives that influence others whether we are aware of it or not. *Someone* looks up to you, just as we all have someone we look up to. Let's open our eyes to the people God has placed in our lives, boldly and intentionally modeling our faith, completely dependent on Jesus to work in and through us, as we create disciples who go and make disciples through mentoring!

HOW TO REGISTER: Sign up on the bulletin board or contact Betsy Rozelle at brozelle@new.rr.com or 920-540-4109 by July 9.