

Trusting in the Goodness of God

God's Goodness Displayed in Redemption

Genesis 3:1-24

Opening a Door to Temptation

Genesis 3:2-3

A careless attitude toward God's Word will open a door to temptation in your life.

1. _____ **God's provisions.**

2. _____ **to God's commands.**

3. _____ **God's warnings.**

Questions for Discussion

- Compare Eve's statement in Gen. 3:2 with Gen. 2:16. What does Eve leave out? How does Eve's statement strike you in comparison to 2:9?
- What temptations will arise if you minimize what God has provided? What steps can you take to grow in your appreciation for God and His gifts?
- Compare 3:3 with 2:16. What did Eve add? Why do you think she (or Adam) added this? Why are you tempted to add to God's commands for yourself or for others?
- What's the difference between a suggestion and a command? How might this difference affect your counsel to yourself or others? Where are you tempted to add to what God commands?
- How does Eve's reference to God's warning in 3:3 differ from what God said in 2:17? What temptations will arise if you weaken God's warnings about sin?
- In general, how did Eve handle God's Word? Why is it important to seek precision when handling God's Word (cf. 2 Tim. 2:15)? How might you seek to grow in this area?



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*HIS GOODNESS DISPLAYED
IN REDEMPTION*

Genesis 3:1-24

A large, glowing Earth in space, serving as a background for the text. The Earth is centered and appears to be emitting a bright light, creating a lens flare effect. The background is a dark, starry space with a gradient from yellow to green.

OPENING A DOOR TO TEMPTATION

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Mishandling God's Word

Minimizing God's provisions.

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How did Eve do it?

Genesis 2:16

The LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely."

Genesis 3:2

And the woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat..."

Genesis 2:16

The LORD God commanded the man,
saying, “From **any** tree of the garden
you may eat **freely**.”

Genesis 3:2

And the woman said to the serpent,
“From the fruit of the trees of the garden
we may eat...”

Genesis 2:9

And out of the ground the LORD God caused to grow **every** tree that is **pleasing** to the sight and **good** for food...

Genesis 3:2

And the woman said to the serpent,
"From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat..."

Genesis 2:9

And out of the ground the LORD God caused to grow **every** tree that is **pleasing** to the sight and **good** for food...

Genesis 3:6

When the woman saw that the tree was **good** for food, and that it was a **delight** to the eyes, and that the tree was **desirable** to make *one* wise...

Minimizing God's provisions

How did Eve do it?

How do we do it?

Some ways we do it.

We focus on what we don't have
instead of what we do.

We value the physical over the spiritual.

We discount God's provisions
when things are hard.

We respond to biblical truth
as if it were trite.

Minimizing God's provisions

How did Eve do it?

How do we do it?

What's the result?

*As you decrease your valuation of
God's provisions, you increase
Satan's options for tempting you.*

*You won't be tempted by what
Satan offers if you see the beauty
of what God provides.*

Mishandling God's Word

Minimizing God's provisions.

Adding to God's commands.

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How did Eve do it?

Genesis 2:17

“...but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat...”

Genesis 3:3

“...but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it...'"

Genesis 2:17

“...but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat...”

Genesis 3:3

“...but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it **or touch it...**'”

Adding to God's commands

How did Eve do it?

How do we do it?

Colossians 2:20-21

If you have died with Christ to the elementary principles of the world, why, as if you were living in the world, do you submit yourself to decrees, such as, "Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch!"

*There is a fundamental difference
between a wise suggestion and a
biblical command.*

Adding to God's commands

How did Eve do it?

How do we do it?

What's the result?

Colossians 2:23

These are matters which have, to be sure, the appearance of wisdom in self-made religion and self-abasement and severe treatment of the body, but are of no value against fleshly indulgence.

*Your additions to God's
commands will only lead to
a prideful self-righteousness
or a dangerous despondence.*

Mishandling God's Word

Minimizing God's provisions.

Adding to God's commands.

Weakening God's warnings.

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How did Eve do it?

Genesis 2:17

“...but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you shall surely die.”

Genesis 3:3

“...but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, lest you die.'”

Genesis 2:17

“...but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it **you shall surely die.**”

Genesis 3:3

“...but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, **lest you die.**'”

Weakening God's warnings

How did Eve do it?

How do we do it?



Psalm 10:4

The wicked, in the haughtiness of his countenance, does not seek Him. All his thoughts are, "There is no God."

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How do we do it?

What's the result?



Proverbs 5:1-14

Faith in God will lead you to a careful handling of His Word that will guard your heart against Satan's temptations.