

# Intercepting Impulsiveness

"Fulfilled", Part 10  
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"But the fruit of the Spirit is...self-control." (Galatians 5:23b)

\*Self-control intercepts IMPULSIVE behavior.

## I) OUR IMPULSIVE TEMPTATIONS

*The Deadly "P's"*

- 1) Passion for PLEASURE.
- 2) Piling up POSSESSIONS.
- 3) People-pleasing POPULARITY.
- 4) Personal PRESTIGE.
- 5) Professional POWER.
- 6) Perusing PORNOGRAPHY.

## II) HOW IMPULSIVE TEMPTATION WORKS

- 1) It starts with our own EVIL DESIRES.

"God tempts no one. But a person is tempted when he is drawn away and trapped by his own evil desire." (James 1:14, TEV)

- 2) It continues with our INAPPROPRIATE ACTIONS.

"Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin..." (James 1:15a, NIV)

"These evil desires lead to evil actions...." (James 1:15a, NLT)

- 3) It ends with our LIVES DESTROYED.

"...and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death." (James 1:15b, NIV)

## III) PREPARING FOR IMPULSIVE TEMPTATION

*"The A-B-C-D's" Of Intercepting Impulsive Temptation*

"So don't be misled, my dear brothers and sisters..." (James 1:16, NLT)

**"A"** Don't be ALARMED, expect it!

"Be glad about this, even though it may now be necessary for you to be sad for a while because of the many kinds of trials you suffer. Their purpose is to prove that your faith is genuine. Even gold... is tested by fire." (1 Peter 1:6-7, TEV)

**"B"** Don't be BLIND, detect it!

"So be careful. If you are thinking, 'Oh, I would never behave like that'—let this be a warning to you. For you too may fall..." (1 Corinthians 10:12, LB)

**"C"** Don't be CLEVER, reject it!

"No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear... He will also provide a way out." (1 Corinthians 10:13, NIV)

**"D"** Don't be DETACHED, accept Him!

"And now He [Jesus] can help those who are tempted, because He Himself was tempted and suffered." (Hebrews 2:18, TEV)

"But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives He will produce this kind of fruit in us: **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control**. Here there is no conflict with the law." (Galatians 5:22-23, NLT)