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What are the dangers of not applying the verse above?

2) The Bible is clear that simply feeling *tempted* is not a sin - but *giving in* to temptation is a sin. What stands out to you from the following passage?

Matthew 5:29-30 - "[29] *"If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. [30] "And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell."*

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other examples of things a Christian might need to “cut off” in order to protect themselves from temptation?

What about you? Is there anything leading *you* into temptation in your life right now, that you might need to “cut off” or “pluck out”?

3) Satan wants us to believe that if we can hide our sin from others, then we are “in the clear.” Read the following passage that refutes this lie.

1 John 1:6-9 - *"[6] If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. [7] But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. [8] If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. [9] If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*

Are there any “secret sins” in your life? If so, take time to pray and repent of these sins.

- The first step is to **admit your sin**. This becomes even more powerful when you confess your sin to a godly friend.
- The next step is to **ask for God’s forgiveness**, and for Him to help you flee this temptation.
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