

**HOW DOES ONE FALL INTO SIN?**

Genesis 3:1-7

**Introduction:**

Many a person has scratched their heads and wondered, "How did I get myself into such sin and misery?" The devil has had a time-proven pattern he follows to lead us into his snare and trap. Through this he took the world into sin, and he uses these tactics to destroy a person's life daily. How does one fall into sin?

**I. (v. 1) THE FIRST STEP WAS LISTENING TO TEMPTATION.**

1. Luke 4:1-13 records how Jesus stopped temptation's work the time it was identified. (Bread, High Mountain, Pinnacle of the temple)
2. James 4:7 says, "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."
  - A. He doesn't stay or work where he is not welcome.
  - B. He doesn't want to waste time.
  - C. Revelation 12:11 says, "And they over came him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony."
  - D. Revelation 12:12 says, "For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has but a short time."
  - E. I Peter 5:8 says, "The devil, like a roaring lion walks about, seeking whom he may devour."
3. Start with all the might of God in you to shut him off at the first onslaught of temptation.
4. I John 4:4 says, "Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world."

**II. (vv. 2-3, 6) THE NEXT STEP WAS LOOKING AT THE FRUIT.**

1. Eve went one step too far when she even looked at the forbidden fruit.
2. She could have stopped here because it wasn't too late, but the progression had begun.
3. (v. 6) "It was pleasant to the eyes."
  - A. When you take time to look, your eyes and desires begin to deceive you.
  - B. Lucifer is even called "The shining one."
4. Remember things are not always as they look.
5. Fight temptation with all the might of the Lord, calling upon Him for power and strength, and begin rebuking the devil in Jesus's name.
6. I John 2:16 says, "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life is not of the Father but is of the world."

**III. (vv. 4-5) THE NEXT STEP WAS LUSTING TO BE LIKE GOD.**

1. (v. 4) Eve then listened to the devil as he was deceiving her about the truth, power, and attributes of a Holy God.
  - A. The devil wants to deceive you about the authority of God to get you weakened for his destruction.
  - B. The devil called God a liar, but the devil is the father of all lies.
2. (v. 5) You will be like God knowing all.
  - A. God is trying to hold you back, Eve.
  - B. You need to explore the unknown.
3. The devil had already been cast out of heaven for the same Godless ambition and doomed to hell.
4. The devil wants Eve to join him in eternal hell for the same thing.
5. In Genesis 11, it describes how the Tower of Babel stopped because man wanted to handle the affairs of God.
6. I Corinthians 10:12 says, "Wherefore, let him that thinks he stands take heed lest he fall."
7. She could have repented of the evil thoughts and not carried out the ultimate temptation, but it became harder and harder to turn back.
8. James 1:12 says, "Blessed is the man that endures temptation, for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to them that love Him."

**IV. (v. 6) THE FINAL STEP WAS LEAPING FOR THE FRUIT.**

1. James 1:15 says, "When lust has conceived, it brings forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, brings forth death."
2. She fell and gave unto Adam, and he ate also.
  - A. Adam should have stopped her, but he didn't.
  - B. They sinned and doomed the whole world to sin.
3. Sin always affects more than just you.
  - A. It is not just your business.
  - B. Genesis 4:9-10 tells us that we are our brother's keeper.
  - C. Romans 14:7-8 says, "No man lives to himself nor dies to himself, for whether we live or die, we are the Lords."
4. Avoid the progression of temptation resulting in sin, by not listening, looking, lusting, and finally leaping into sin.
5. If you have leaped into sin, repent & turn back to God as I John 2:1-2 says.

**Conclusion:**

Where the first Adam failed, the Second Adam prevailed!