

Twenty-Two Strategies of Satan to Tempt the Souls of Men

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- I. Using lesser sins to make way for the commission of greater ones
- II. Instilling dissatisfaction and a restless importunity to the commission of the sin
- III. By ceasing to tempt or feigning flight
- IV. By convincing us that the ends justify the means
- V. By disguising things so that they appear to be what they are not
- VI. By ensnaring us in the use of lawful things
- VII. By suiting temptation to our age and condition
- VIII. By insinuating suggestions and temptations with such subtlety that we cannot distinguish them from our own reasoning
- IX. By cultivating erroneous doctrine
- X. By calling down the Word of God and his ministers
- XI. By displaying false signs, wonders, or miracles
- XII. By perplexing us with temptations which seem to be unique
- XIII. By spoiling our performance of holy duties
- XIV. By providing a false remedy
- XV. By instilling a false sense of guilt upon the conscience
- XVI. By giving us a sense of fear or shame which will not allow us to speak to others of our temptations
- XVII. By tempting us in areas where we consider ourselves strong
- XVIII. By convincing us that we may quickly repent of the sin and be restored
- XIX. By keeping a wounded conscience raw and smarting
- XX. By drawing us aside when we are in the midst of pursuing some great mercy
- XXI. By making the our calling and duties interfere with each other
- XXII. By keeping us at one extreme or another

