

A Little at a Time

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Theme:

This play conveys the fact that we may be well guarded for a large compromise of what we know to be wrong as Christian, but often Satan gets us to buy into the theory that a little bit can't hurt. Before we know it we're in sin deeper than we would have been if we would have given into the larger compromised we were first tempted with.

Biblical Reference:

Matthew 26:41

Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.

Approximate Running Time:

5 minutes

Props:

Six placards will be needed. Each has the word "SIN" clearly worded on each side. The sizes of the six placards are:

- 1 about 24x36
- 1 about 22x17
- 1 about 11x17
- 1 about 8-1/2x11
- 1 about 3X5
- 1 about the size of a business card

Cast of Characters:

Bob: Bob is a Christian who is being tempted to sin. He is dressed in contemporary style.

Tempter 1-4: Persons who are approaching Bob to ask him if he will allow himself to be compromised by participating in sin. They are to carry a placard of a specified size which has the word "SIN" clearly printed on it. They are dressed in black.

Scene:

Bob is sitting center stage reading a book. Tempter 1 approaches him with the 22x17 sin placard.

Tempter 1: Hey Bob, what are you doing?

Bob: Hey. I'm just sitting here reading. What's up?

Tempter 1: I was just wondering if you'd be interested in helping me out with something. *[He indicates the placard he is holding.]*

Bob: No, I don't think so. I mean, that's not something a Christian should be doing.

Tempter 1: Ah, come on, it'll be fun. I've done it before. It's not that bad a thing.

Bob: No, I don't think I'm up for it.

Tempter 1: Are you sure?

Bob: Yeah. I'm not going to do it.

Tempter 1: Ok, but you don't know what you're missing.

Bob: That's ok. *[Indicates that he should leave, then waves good-bye.]*

[Tempter 1 exits. Tempter 2 enters carrying the sin placard that is the size of a business card.]

Tempter 2: Hey Bob, what are you doing?

Bob: Hey. I'm just sitting here reading. What's up?

Tempter 2: I was just wondering if you'd be interested in helping me out with something. *[He indicates the placard he is holding. Be sure the audience can read the word "SIN."]*

Bob: Yeah, what is it?

Tempter 2: It's no big deal, I mean look how small and insignificant it is.

Bob: I'm not sure if I should take that.

Tempter 2: Ah, come on, it'll be fun. I've done it before. It's not that bad a thing. I mean, look how small and insignificant it is.

Bob: Well, I don't know.

Tempter 2: Come on, everybody's doing it.

Bob: Well, ok, I guess it won't be that big a deal.

Tempter 2: Great.

[Tempter 2 hands Bob the card and exits. Bob holds the card in front him where everyone can clearly see it. Tempter 3 enters carrying the 3x5 sin placard.]

Tempter 3: Hey Bob, what are you doing?

Bob: *[Trying to hide the sin placard he is holding.]* Nothing.

Tempter 3: Ah, come on, show me what you're holding.

Bob: It's nothing really.

Tempter 3: Come on, show me what you're holding.

Bob: Ok, but you can't tell anyone. *[He shows the placard.]*

Tempter 3: Aw, that's nothing. I was just wondering if you'd be interested in helping me out with something. *[He indicates the placard he is holding, being sure the audience can clearly see that it is bigger than the one Bob is holding.]*

Bob: Yeah, what is it?

Tempter 3: It's no big deal, I mean look how small and insignificant it is.

Bob: But it's bigger than the one I've got.

Tempter 3: Yeah, but it's not that much bigger. Come on, I'll trade you.

Bob: I'm not sure if I should take that.

Tempter 3: Ah, come on, it'll be fun. I've done it before. It's not that bad a thing. I mean, it's not much bigger than the one you've got.

Bob: Well, I don't know.

Tempter 3: Come on, it's no big deal.

Bob: Well, ok, I guess it won't be that big a deal.

Tempter 3: Good decision

[Tempter 3 trades his card for the one Bob was holding and exits. Bob holds the card in front him where everyone can clearly see it. Tempter 4 enters carrying the 8-1/2x11 sin placard.]

Tempter 4: Hey Bob, what are you doing?

Bob: *[Trying to hide the sin placard he is holding.]* Nothing.

Tempter 4: Ah, come on, show me what you're holding.

Bob: It's nothing really.

Tempter 4: Come on, show me what you're holding. I've seen it all before.

Bob: Ok, but you can't tell anyone. *[He shows the placard.]*

Tempter 4: Aw, that's nothing. I was just wondering if you'd be interested in helping me out with something. *[He indicates the placard he is holding, being sure the audience can clearly see that it is bigger than the one Bob is holding.]*

Bob: Yeah, what is it?

Tempter 4: It's no big deal, I mean look how small and insignificant it is.

Bob: But it's bigger than the one I've got.

Tempter 4: Yeah, but it's not that much bigger. Come on, I'll trade you.

Bob: I'm not sure if I should take that.

Tempter 4: Ah, come on, it'll be fun. I've done it before. It's not that bad a thing. I mean, it's not much bigger than the one you've got.

Bob: Well, I don't know.

Tempter 4: Come on, it'll make you cool.

Bob: Well, ok, I guess it won't be that big a deal.

Tempter 4: Good decision. I knew you'd come through for me.

[Tempter 4 trades his card for the one Bob was holding and exits. Bob holds the card in front him where everyone can clearly see it. Tempter 2 enters carrying the 11x17 sin placard.]

Tempter 2: Hey Bob, what are you doing?

Bob: *[Trying to hide the sin placard he is holding.]* Nothing.

Tempter 2: Ah, come on, I know what you're holding. Show me how big it is.

Bob: It's not that big really.

Tempter 2: Come on, show me what you're holding.

Bob: Ok, but you can't tell anyone. *[He shows the placard.]*

Tempter 2: Aw, that's not that big. I told you. Hey, I was just wondering if you'd be interested in helping me out with something. [*He indicates the placard he is holding, being sure the audience can clearly see that it is bigger than the one Bob is holding.*]

Bob: Yeah, what is it?

Tempter 2: It's no big deal, I mean look how small and insignificant it is.

Bob: But it's bigger than the one I've got.

Tempter 2: Yeah, but it's not that much bigger. Come on, I'll trade you.

Bob: I'm not sure if I should take that.

Tempter 2: Ah, come on, it'll be fun. I've done it before. It's not that bad a thing. I mean, it's not much bigger than the one you've got.

Bob: Well, I don't know.

Tempter 2: Come on, it'll probably get you a date with that girl you've had your eye on.

Bob: Well, ok, I guess it won't be that big a deal.

Tempter 2: You won't regret it.

[*Tempter 2 trades his card for the one Bob was holding and exits. Bob holds the card in front of him where everyone can clearly see it. Tempter 3 enters carrying the 24x36 sin placard.*]

Tempter 3: Hey Bob, what are you doing?

Bob: [*Trying to hide the sin placard he is holding.*] Nothing.

Tempter 3: Ah, come on, show me what you're holding. Has it grown since I was here before?

Bob: It's nothing really.

Tempter 3: Come on, show me how big it is.

Bob: Ok, but you can't tell anyone. [*He shows the placard.*]

Tempter 3: Aw, it has grown, but it's no big deal. I stopped by because I was just wondering if you'd be interested in helping me out with something. [*He indicates the placard he is holding, being sure the audience can clearly see that it is bigger than the one Bob is holding.*]

Bob: Yeah, what is it?

Tempter 3: It's no big deal, I mean look how small and insignificant it is.

Bob: But it's bigger than the one I've got.

Tempter 3: Yeah, but it's not that much bigger. You know how this works. Come on, I'll trade you. It's like a trade in.

Bob: I'm not sure if I should take it.

Tempter 3: Ah, come on, it'll be fun. I've done it before. It's not that bad a thing. I mean, it's not much bigger than the one you've got.

Bob: Well, I don't know.

Tempter 3: Come on, it's no big deal.

Bob: Well, ok, I guess it won't be that big a deal.

Tempter 3: I knew you could do it.

[Tempter 3 trades his card for the one Bob was holding and exits. Bob holds the card in front of him where everyone can clearly see it. Tempter 1 enters carrying the 22x17 sin placard.]

Tempter 1: Hey Bob, what are you doing?

Bob: *[Trying to hide the sin placard he is holding.]* Nothing.

Tempter 1: Ah, come on, show me what you're holding.

Bob: It's nothing really.

Tempter 1: Come on. Show me what you're holding.

Bob: Ok, but you can't tell anyone. *[He shows the placard.]*

Tempter 1: Aw, hey, I guess I came at a bad time. It's just that I thought you'd be interested in helping me out with that something I came by to show you last time. *[He indicates the placard he is holding, being sure the audience can clearly see that it is smaller than the one Bob is holding.]* But I guess you're already past that. I guess I'll stop by again.

[Tempter exits. Bob bows his head, knowing that he has compromised himself way beyond what he should have done.]

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