



Beacon Baptist Church

“Where the sufficiency of the Word is declared”

“Control your senses or they will control you”

“Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, ‘Has God indeed said, You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’ And the woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’ Then the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.” (Genesis 3:1-6)

Although God made men with five senses to enjoy His wonderful creation, it is through those same senses that Satan lures men to take temptation’s bait. Eve **listened** to Satan’s lies and took a **lingering, lustful look** at the forbidden fruit. She saw that it could meet a “need” for food, that it was pleasant to look at, and that it would give her *what she thought was wisdom*. Eve **let down** her guard, **took** the fruit in her hand and **tasted** it. Eve placed the desire to be “like God” in a self-serving way before her relationship with Him. She now knew the difference between good and evil. Instead of being in control of her life, she became controlled by an evil desire that led to the sin of disobedience. Choosing the good of obedience over the evil of disobedience takes wisdom that God will give to all who ask for it. **Wisdom is the ability to use the knowledge of God’s Word in ways that glorify Him.** Wisdom for Eve would have led her to know that disobeying a clear command of God would bring His certain judgment upon her. Beware, lest you let your physical senses override the “common sense” that disobeying the Word is sin!

How can you guard your fellowship with God and others by applying Bible principles like I Corinthians 10:31-33 to what you see, hear, touch, taste and smell?

“Lord, deliver me from my worst enemy, that wicked man--myself.” Augustine