And the tempter came and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." (Mt 4:3)

For this reason, when I could endure it no longer, I also sent to find out about your faith, for fear that the tempter might have tempted you, and our labor would be in vain. (1 Thess 3:5)

Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. (Mark 14:38)

For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good is not. For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want. (Rom 7:18-19)THE THE DOING PLANNING The way of a fool YOU YOU is right in his own eyes, but a wise SHORT-TERM LONG-TERM man listens to advice. (Pr 12:15) THOUGHTFUL INSTINCTIVE UNBIASED PREJUDICED

#2 WE UNDERESTIMATE SIN'S ABILITY TO SEDUCE

But flee youthful lusts... (2 Tim. 2:22)

THE PLANNING YOU Do not look at wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup and goes down smoothly. (Pr. 23:31)

and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation. (Lk. 11:4)



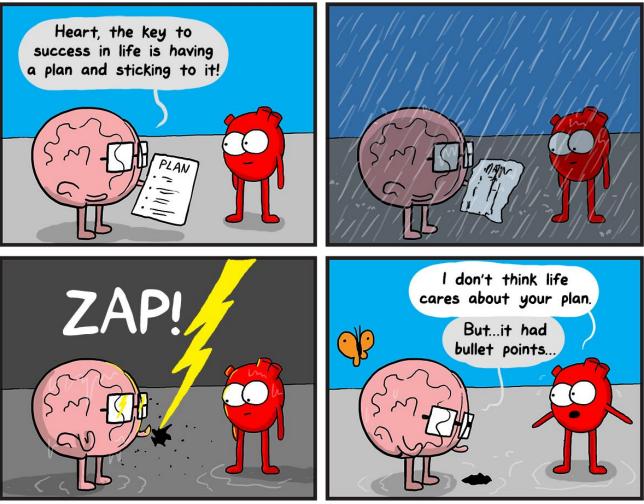
But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband. (1 Cor 7:2)

But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. (1 Tim. 6:9)

#3 WE OVERESTIMATE THE STRENGTH OF OUR PLANNING

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Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit." Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away. Instead, you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that." But as it is, you boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil. (Jas 4:13-16)

Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. (1 Pet 5:8)

My days are past; my plans are broken off, the desires of my heart. (Job 17:11)

Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand. (Pr 19:21)

#4 WE DON'T FEAR UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES

To keep you from the evil woman, from the smooth tongue of the adulteress. Do not desire her beauty in your heart, nor let her capture you with her eyelids. For on account of a harlot one is reduced to a loaf of bread, and an adulteress hunts for the precious life. Can a man take fire in his bosom and his clothes not be burned? Or can a man walk on hot coals and his feet not be scorched? So is the one who goes in to his neighbor's wife: Whoever touches her will not go unpunished. (Pr 6:24-29)

Do not look on the wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup, when it goes down smoothly: At the last it bites like a serpent and stings like a viper. Your eyes will see strange things and your mind will utter perverse things. And you will be like one who lies down in the middle of the sea, or like one who lies down on the top of a mast. "They struck me, but I did not become ill; they beat me, but I did not know if. When shall I awake? I will seek another drink." (Pr 23:31-35)

Then when Judas, who had betrayed Him, saw that He had been condemned, he felt remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood." But they said, "What is that to us? See to that yourself!" And he threw the pieces of silver into the temple sanctuary and departed; and he went away and hanged himself. (Matt 27:3-5)

The sins of some men are conspicuous, going before them to judgment, but the sins of others appear later. (1 Tim 5:24)