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How can big  
be small?





Defeating temptation starts with  
understanding temptation.



**“Jesus was tempted in every way, just as we are...”**

**-Hebrews 4:15**



**“Jesus was tempted in every way, just as we are, yet without sin.”**

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## **Mark 9:42-48**

**And if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around his neck. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out.**



**And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, where "their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.**



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## **Genesis 3:1-5**

**Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"**

**The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that**



**is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.' " "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."**

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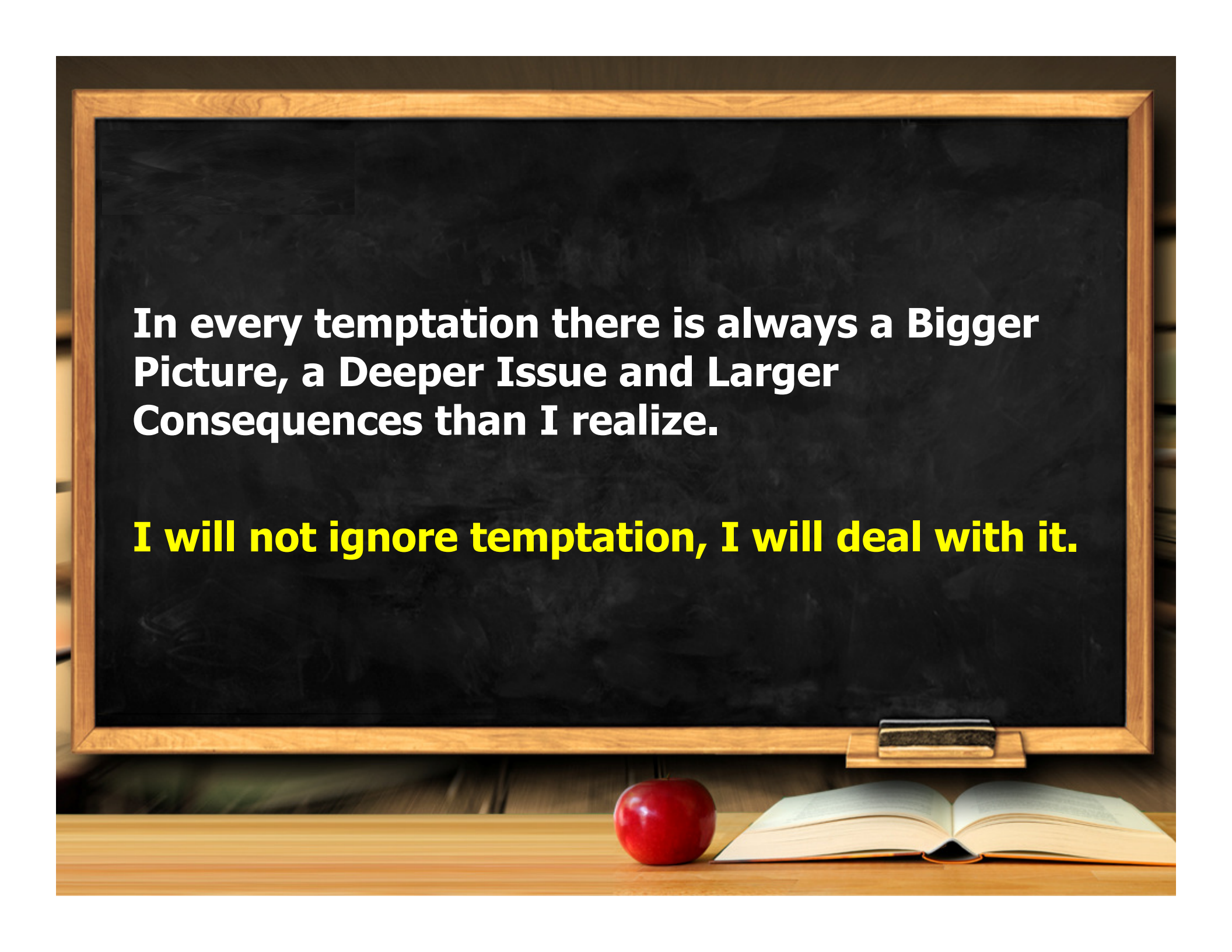
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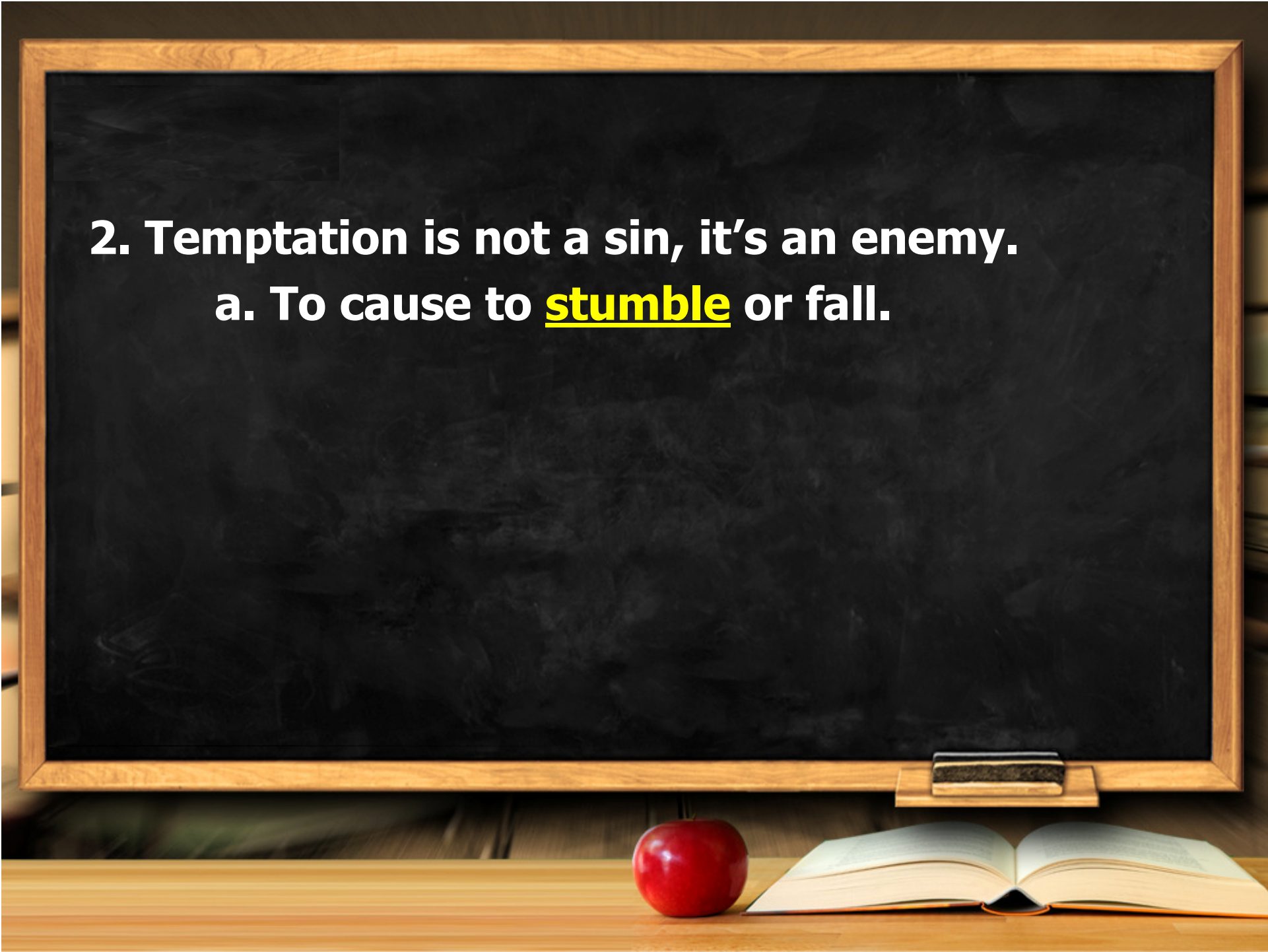
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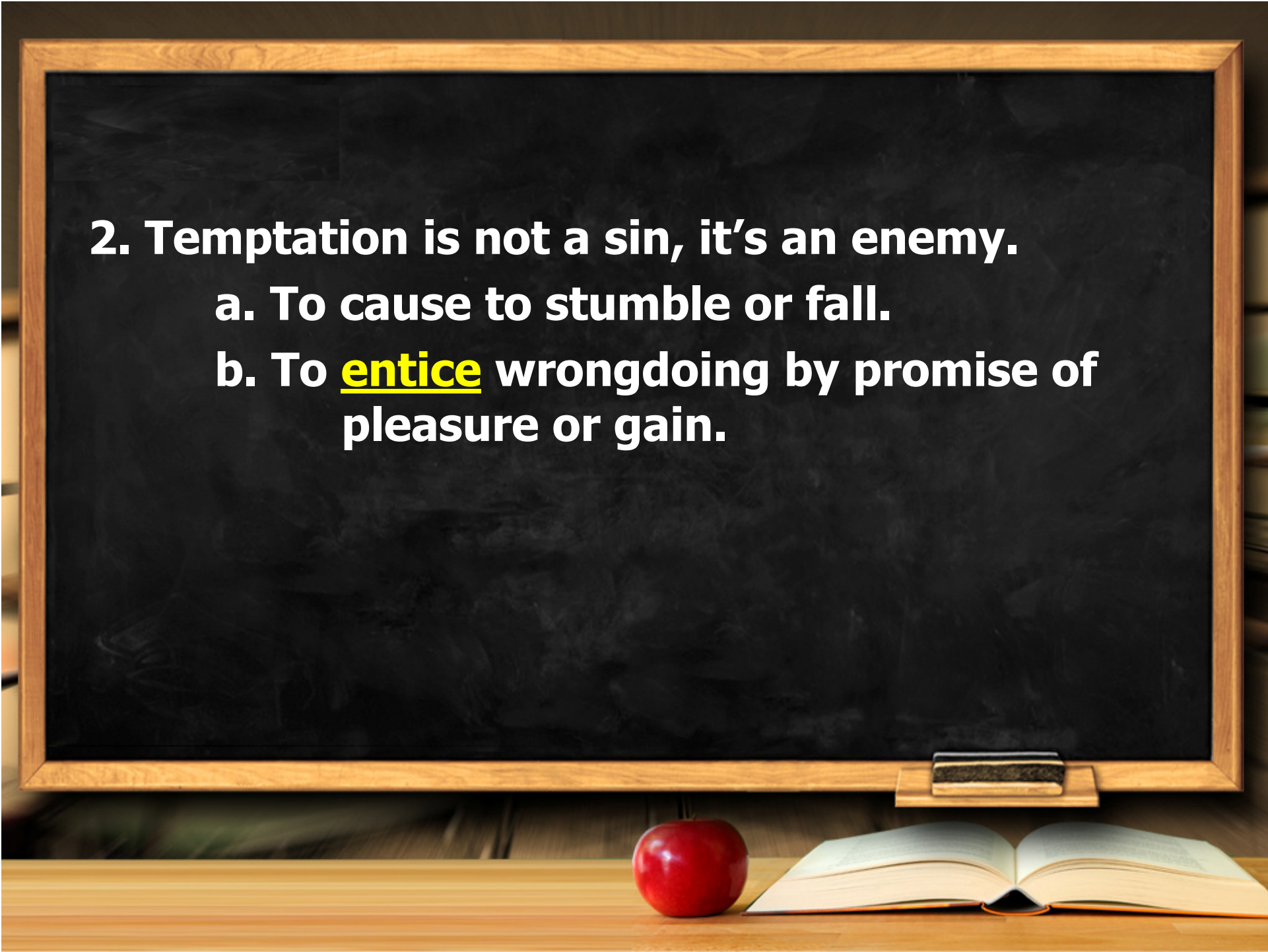
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**One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek:  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all  
the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of  
the Lord. -Psalm 27:4**



**Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.**

**-Romans 6:17**



**Nor must you surrender any part of yourselves to sin to be used for wicked purposes. Instead, give yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life, and surrender your whole being to him to be used for righteous purposes.**

**-Romans 6:17 GNT**



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