

Character Counts: Building a Life That Pleases God

Top Temptations Fathers Face

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The Heart of the Matter

The world can be a dangerous place for fathers. Temptation lurks around every corner. Instability threatens to knock us off balance and send us plummeting into darkness. We've become accommodated to a new idea of fatherhood in contemporary culture—a vision that is defined more by a father's absence and distance than by his engaged and vibrant presence in the home. Fathers have too often been caught up in the malaise of day-to-day living. Tired from the long hours at the office, they have little resistance to several temptations common to dads. But what can be done to avoid the fall away from godly character?



Discovering the Way

1. An Analogy for Temptation

Temptation possesses four distinct features similar to those of an appealing and mysterious lake.

2. All Fathers, All the Time (James 1:5–16)

Every father is always going through a trial, just like every father always has the sweet scent of temptation wafting across his path.

3. Top Temptations Fathers Face

Six top temptations plague fathers. We need to know what they are so that we can strategize about how to avoid them.

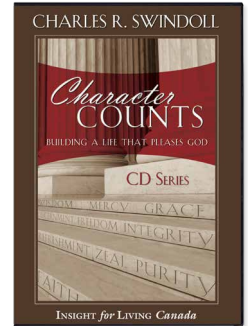


Starting Your Journey

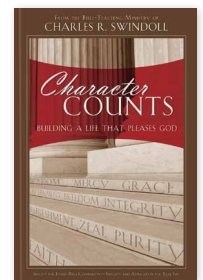
How do we make sure we aren't falling into the trap of these six temptations? First, *ask your wife*. And second, *pursue authentic living*.



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