

Puppet Temptations

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{MATT}. L12

{DAISY/PANDORA} L17

{SAMANTHA}. Hey Winter, how's school going?

{WINTER}. It's going great, how about you?

{SAMANTHA}. Well, things are going good, I guess.

{BRIAN}. You don't sound very convincing.

{DAISY/PANDORA}. Yeah, that didn't sound very convincing at all!

{SAMANTHA}. Well, one of my friends is moving out of state so I'm a little sad.

{WINTER}. Awe, I bet that is hard. Last year I had a friend that moved because of the military, and that was hard for me too.

{SAMANTHA}. Yeah, I don't know why they have to move around so much why can't they just leave them put.

{DAISY/PANDORA}. Yeah, I don't like it when my BFFs move away.

{WINTER}. I mean, who would like all that moving around anyway.

{BRIAN}. Moving around the troops keeps them in a state of readiness, and it breaks the monotony of being in the same place for 20 years. A place that they may not like. By moving them around they meet new friends and keeps them a little on guard.

{WINTER}. Oh, well that's interesting.

{DAISY/PANDORA}. Well, I like being in the same place, I don't like moving around all the time.

{SAMANTHA}. Yeah, I never thought of that. But what about the kids, why can't they just leave the kids alone.

{MATT}. Well, who's going to watch the kids?... You?... No,... the kids and the puppets need to go with the parents.

{DAISY/PANDORA}. I can take care of myself.

{SAMANTHA}. I'm tempted to try to change that.

{BRIAN}. How are you going to do that?

{MATT}. I don't think the puppet military commanders would be too happy about that, and I don't think the parents would be happy about that either.

{SAMANTHA}. I would be tempted just to stay here with my friends like you Winter, we're BFFs after all.

{DAISY/PANDORA}. Yes, I am my own commander, I make my own destiny.

{MATT}. That doesn't sound very good either Pandora.

{WINTER}. Well, thank you Samantha, I'm glad you don't have to make that decision since your parents are not in the military.

{MATT}. Yeah, it's easy to say that when there's no skin in the game.

{DAISY/PANDORA}. Well, I'm tempted to go tell them off moving our friends around like that.

{BRIAN}. Let's talk about temptation for a minute. What are puppets tempted to do these days.

{DAISY/PANDORA}. Yes, I live for temptation.

{MATT}. I was tempted to steal candy from my baby sister.

{WINTER}. I remember once I was tempted to eat the last cookie and not let my brother have it.

{SAMANTHA}. I was tempted once to take some money my dad left on the puppet table.

{DAISY/PANDORA}. I was tempted to TP my neighbor's house once. The temptation was just too great, so I did it with my friends.

{BRIAN}. We all are tempted to do certain things at certain times. Temptation comes in all shapes and sizes. Usually from our own selfish desires that get us into trouble, but Pandora and Matt that was just mean.

{MATT}. Hey, I didn't say I actually took candy from my sister!

{WINTER}. Yeah, we can be tempted without actually doing it, I guess.

{BRIAN}. A lot of times temptation comes by wanting something that someone else has, that we don't. But not always. Sometimes temptation is to do something bad to somebody else.

{DAISY/PANDORA}. I would never do that!

{MATT}. Right!

{WINTER}. Like what?

{SAMANTHA}. Yes, what are you talking about?

{BRIAN}. Temptation always starts with the thought. Maybe someone needs some money, and they think about robbing a bank. Just the thought itself may not be temptation but if you think about it over a period of time than it definitely becomes sin.

{SAMANTHA}. Oh, I get it so then when you actually do it that's temptation.

{MATT}. No, if you actually do it that's sin. It's not sin to be tempted, it's sin to act on it.

{DAISY/PANDORA}. I act on it all the time it can be so much fun.

{SAMANTHA}. Okay, I'm a little confused. Why is just thinking about it, just as wrong as doing it?

{BRIAN}. There are times in the Bible of that very thing happening. If you think about it long enough and hard enough it's the same as doing it at least in your heart anyway. Even Jesus was tempted without sin.

{WINTER}. Wow, even Jesus was tempted, that's not fair.

{MATT}. Yeah, that doesn't seem fair.

{DAISY/PANDORA}. I plot all the time against my enemies, and sometimes my friends.

{WINTER}. Wow, it sounds like you could be a really bad puppet.

{DAISY/PANDORA}. I'm not a bad puppet! I just have a lot of thoughts.

{MATT}. Well, you need to have good thoughts Pandora.

{SAMANTHA}. Now, how does that work. You mean were guilty if we just think about something and not actually do it?

{BRIAN}. Well, if you think about it long enough then, in a way you have actually done it in your heart. Just because you haven't acted on it doesn't mean you're not guilty of it. A lot depends on if you actually plot to fulfill your temptation. In other words try to come up with a plan to get what you want. Jesus just quoted Scripture at the devil when he was tempted.

{WINTER}. That's not fair! We don't know all that stuff.

{DAISY/PANDORA}. Yeah, it's just easier to plot all the time.

{SAMANTHA}. I hope you don't plot against me Pandora.

{DAISY/PANDORA}. No, of course not only plot good things with my friends.

{BRIAN}. God wants us to think wholesome thoughts.

{WINTER}. Like what?

{MATT}. Yeah, like what!

{DAISY/PANDORA}. That sounds boring, oh my word.

{BRIAN}. The Bible has a lot to say about this for example Philippians 4: 8 think on whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report. If we think on these things that crowds out a lot of the temptations.

{WINTER}. So, will we be perfect then?

{BRIAN}. Not exactly! But the bible says in 1 john 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

{SAMANTHA}. Wow, that is wonderful!

{BRIAN}. Temptation can come from anywhere at any time. In fact Satan himself can cause you to be tempted just like Jesus was. He can put things in your head apparently, and make you think thoughts. It's up to you to realize what's happening and think only about what it says in Philippians.

{DAISY/PANDORA}. What if I prank my friends?

{SAMANTHA}. Well, what about cheating on a test.

{MATT}. Or, turning off the hot water when my brothers are taking a shower.

{WINTER}. Yeah, or turning the lights off when my mom's taking a bath.

{BRIAN}. What! You guys are worse than I thought, remind me to not be your BFF's. All these things are temptations that you need not to act on.

{WINTER}. Well, what are we supposed to do for fun then?

{BRIAN}. You should never have fun at someone else's expense Winter.

{DAISY/PANDORA}. But, what if they had it coming?

{BRIAN}. Oh my word!

{INFO:}. ALL PUPPETS GO DOWN