

Choose Grace

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted
by the devil. Matthew 4:1

We face temptations every day;
From morning until night;
So many detours on our way
To doing what is right.
We want to be good people, yes,
And serve with love our God,
But if we're honest and confess –
Our deeds are often flawed.

Our selfish needs and vain desire,
To be the ones in charge,
To seek more wealth and sense of power
Can conquer and loom large.
We "hunger" for the world's great treasures,
For money, homes, and cars.
We "thirst" to satisfy our pleasures,
And greed our virtue mars.

We tempt our God with selfish prayers,
Consumed with what we want;
We are not willing wealth to share
And bad decisions haunt.
We seek a sign that God is real,
Some showy miracle,
"If you are God..." becomes our deal;
We want to make each rule.

Temptations, yes, they do abound,
But through the love of Christ,
We have the sweetest mercy found
And God's grace will suffice.
"Away from me!" we can say, too,
Just like our Savior voiced.
Let us temptations not pursue;
Let grace just be our choice. Patti Miller