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There are some defenses against temptation:

- A. Run from it!
- B. Watch your thought life.
- C. Prayer is sometimes our only escape.
- D. Consider the following questions:
 - Where will this temptation lead me?
 - Will this degrade me? Before others, and myself.
 - Would I want those I love most to yield to this?
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- E. Build Strong Relationships.
 - With myself
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