

The First Temptation and Sin:
 Man's Fall from Perfection —
 Man and Woman's First Steps into Sin
 Genesis 03:01–06

1. *The serpent*

2. *Step 1:*

*Being confronted with
 suggestive, enticing
 and tempting thoughts*

3. *Step 2:*

*Entertaining, harbouring
 and discussing
 the suggestive thoughts*

4. *Step 3:*

*Doubting the consequences
 of God's Word*

5. *Step 4:*

*Thinking
 that one will be more fulfilled,
 that one will gain
 and benefit more*

6. *Step 5:*

Looking and desiring — lusting

7. *Step 6:*

*Committing the sin:
 Taking and eating
 the forbidden fruit*

8. *Step 7:*

*Leading others to sin:
 Being a stumbling block*

1 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’?”

2 The woman said to the serpent,

“We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,

3 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.’ ”

4 “You will not certainly die,”

the serpent said to the woman.

5 “For God knows that when you eat from it

your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

6 When the woman saw

that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye,

and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it.

She also gave some to her husband, who was with her,

and he ate it.