

Temptation vs. Invitation

Temptation and invitation:
both solicit your
participation;
but in temptation
the good is a
disguise,
whereas in an invitation
goodness is
the goal.

Acquiescing to temptation,
we fall into
sin;
accepting an invitation,
we are filled with
grace.

Temptation is
alluring;
invitation is
the Lord's lure.

To fight temptation
you must first
name it;
to accept an invitation
you must first
recognize it.

Some of us are adept
at spotting temptation,
but slow to recognize
an invitation.

The friends of God
see each day as an
invitation.
That's why they pray:
"lead us not into
temptation."

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