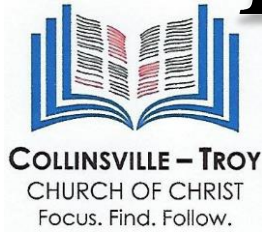


# The Correspondent



**SUNDAY**  
Worship 9:30 AM  
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*For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place.  
(1 Thessalonians 1:8)*

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## She Ate Half a Cake

-Terry Mabery

**A**n anecdote in the December 2004, Reader's Digest told of a dieter that bemoaned her lack of willpower. She had made her family's favorite cake, and they had eaten half of it. The next day the uneaten half beckoned. She cut herself a slice and another and another. After polishing off the cake, she knew her husband would be disappointed. So she made another cake and ate half of it.

Eating an entire cake is not a sin. Yet, the story exhibits one of the problems of sin, that of a lack of self-control. The lady had no one to blame but herself.

So it is with sin. One has no one to blame but self for yielding to sin. James wrote that one is tempted by one's own lusts and enticed (James 1:14). Neither the lust nor the temptation is sin. It is the yielding that is sin. Paul adds that God will not allow one to be tried more than one can withstand, but that God will always provide a way of escape (1 Corinthians 10:13). It is up to the individual to endure and escape the temptation.

For the lady it was a matter of self-control - or lack of such. So it is with each one that deals with the lusts and enticements of this world. It is a matter of self-control.

Exercise self-control. Do not yield to the lusts and enticements of this world.

The pleasures of this world are fleeting but bring everlasting punishment and damnation.

God will help you deal with the temptation. Pray for perseverance.

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Auditorium class continues.

Fellowship Hall. Men's Training Class. All men, middle school, and high school boys.

Room 7. Ladies Class. Ladies, middle school, and high school girls.