

Lead us Not Into Temptation

Taglines:

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil

- It is not always easy living the Kingdom life – because we are under attack
- God wants to help me and there are things I can do to help myself

The Script:

ONE Oh! Thank goodness you're open! I wanted to buy a flower for my girlfriend.

TWO Well, we only have rose bushes, and they're free.

ONE I was actually looking for some chrysanthemums.

TWO I'm sorry – we only have rose bushes.

ONE No dahlias?

TWO No.

ONE Lilies?

TWO No.

ONE Daffodils?

TWO No.

ONE Delphiniums?

TWO No.

ONE Potentilla atrosanguinea?

TWO No.

ONE Achilea filipendulina?

TWO I'm sorry, we only have rose bushes.

ONE No tulips then?

TWO No.

ONE Only roses?

TWO Yes. Only rose bushes.

ONE Do you think roses would be romantic?

TWO Yes, very romantic.

ONE I'll have a rose then.

(The florist hands him a bush of red roses in a pot)

ONE No no – I just want the one rose.

TWO But you can have the whole bush.

ONE No, I just need the one. I'll just take the one. A whole bush would be a bit overpowering. I was going to say to her, 'A perfect rose for my perfect rose.' 'A perfect rose bush for my perfect rose bush' doesn't sound quite right. And anyway, I couldn't afford a whole bush.

TWO But it's free. And if you took the whole bush, you'd have an endless supply of perfect roses for your perfect rose.

ONE I suppose I could give you a cheque.

TWO I don't want your cheques.

ONE *(Hurt)* I have a cheque guarantee card!

TWO I don't want payment. It's free! Take it!

(Pause)

ONE Do you take Visa?
TWO No.
ONE Mastercard?
TWO No.
ONE American Express?
TWO No.
ONE Won't that do nicely?
TWO No it won't! Listen – it's free. F – R – E – E, FREE!
ONE Free?
TWO Yes.
ONE No charge?
TWO No.
ONE Nothing at all?
TWO No.
ONE I see.
TWO Good.
(Pause)
ONE Will you take an IOU then?
TWO Aarrgh! Listen! This rose bush is yours for the princely sum of nothing. Or, in monetary terms, zero pounds, zero pence and zero per cent VAT. All you have to do is pick it up and take it away. You owe me nothing. Do you understand?
ONE Yes.
TWO Phew.
ONE I'll take one. So when's your earliest delivery date?
TWO Just take this one now.
ONE Oh, I can't do that.
TWO Why not?
ONE Well, I've got my hands full with these bags, you see.
TWO What's in your bags?
ONE Oh, nothing much. Rubbish, mainly. Well, in fact it's all rubbish, now I think about it. Can't seem to get rid of it. No one seems to want it.
TWO Just leave your rubbish here, then, and take your rose bush. I'll deal with your rubbish.
ONE Mind you, there's some good quality rubbish in here. Look at this piece of newspaper – had some good quality fish wrapped in that.
TWO Doesn't matter what it is – just leave your rubbish here and take your rose bush.
ONE And when do I come back for my rubbish?
TWO Never – I'll deal with that.
ONE You'll get rid of all my rubbish?
TWO Yes.
ONE Hmm...
(He carefully puts down his bags and takes the rose bush while trying to work the deal out in his head)
So what you're saying is that, if I want, I can leave all my rubbish here, and take away this rose bush – free of charge – and it's mine to keep for ever, at no extra cost?
TWO Precisely!
ONE Right.
TWO So you'll take it?

(Pause)

ONE I'll think about it.

(He quickly replaces the bush on the counter, picks up his bags and hurries out of the shop)

N.B Maybe for the drama in the evening have the same scenario but this time the person actually accepts the offer of help?