

It's only Ice Cream!

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Scripture: James 1:14 & 15

Cast: 2 Guys (can be adapted)

Emphasize the words in italic. Substitute each other's names in for the blanks.

One: Hey, _____, you ready to go?

Two: Yes, let's go.

One: Today has been a lot of fun, we should get out and spend more time without the women, you know, "male bonding." (*grunting noising may be made*)

Two: Yes, today has been a lot of fun, and I was thinking that we (*looking off as if distracted*) should try to do this again, maybe next-- (*excitedly*) hey look over there!

One: Where? (*surprisingly*) Uh _____ we shouldn't even look over there. (*turns body completely around*)

Two: Oh come on, let's just walk over there for a quick look. Just a little closer. (*pulls One a little closer*)

One: _____ we really shouldn't!

Two: _____ it is only an *ice cream* shop.

One: But what is in the ice cream shop?

Two: Ice Cream of course, are you feeling ok? (*by this point One has pulled Two into the ice cream shop*)

One: Yes! I'm feeling just fine, and yes I am aware there is ice cream in this ice cream shop! But I don't think it is a good idea to be looking at all this ice cream?

Two: Look _____, just because we are on that *sugar busters* diet, doesn't mean we can't look at the menu, right?

One: But _____ you know sometimes when we--(*interrupted by Two*)

Two: Look! They have homemade vanilla, and double chocolate rocky road, and mocha almond fudge!

One: (*interrupting*) _____ we should not be looking at this! I am telling you we are going to end up--(*interrupted by Two*)

Two: (*with excitement building*) And cookies and cream, and chocolate chip cookie dough- (*interrupting*)

One: (*starts looking around*)--but we really shouldn't be looking at this (*something catches One's eye*)--hey there is Pralines and cream, that has always been my favorite, and it is right next to chocolate peanut butter, which is right next to super-duper, triple-ripple, double-dipped, chocolate peanut butter fudge! Yummy! (*realizing what has is happening*) -- what am I doing? _____ we have to stop looking all this ice cream!

Two: _____ I told you, just because we are on a diet doesn't mean--

One: (*interrupting*)--you can't look at the menu, I know, I know, I heard you the first time, but don't you think looking at all of this ice cream is going to tempt us into wanting--(*interrupted by Two*)

Two: --Oh look, there is Heavenly Hash, you know how long it has been since I have had that flavor?

One: _____ are you even listening to me?

Two: Yes, but I can't help it! Maybe I'll just get one of the *free* samples. Yea, I need one of those little pink spoons. Yes, just a little sample!

One: _____ (*in a fatherly tone*). You can't we need to--

Two: With a name like HeavenlyHash, it can't be all bad! I don't think a sample will be enough! I think I want a scoop. Yes, yes, a scoop on a sugar cone! I can already taste it in my mouth!

One: No! (*grabbing Two*) You can't!

Two: Why can't I? I just want one little tinny, little bitty, small scoop of ice cream, on a little mi•nute sugar cone.

One: You can't because you are on a *diet*! Remember? Now come on!

(*dragging Two out of the store and to a bench, as Two is being dragged he says*)

Two: (*pauses*) But, I really want... (*hesitates & thinks to himself*) but I, uh, yea, I am. (*sheepishly, sitting down*) Wow, I guess I sort of forgot for a second or two.

One: (*joins him sitting*) Now do you see why I think it would have been a better idea if we would not have even looked at the menu?

Two: (*pauses to think*) Yes, I guess you have made your point.

One: You know the Bible says in James 1:14 & 15 "but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death."

Two: But it was *only* ice cream?

One: But like the *ice cream* that was tempting us, there are things in our lives we watch, hear, read, and are told that may tempt us to sinning.

Two: *(catching on and adding to the statement)* And they can cause us to gossip, be greedy, envious, prideful, or fall into lust. Like we were lusting after that ice cream.

One: Yes! And once we have tasted a little bit, we want more.

One: So I guess we shouldn't even look at the menu when we are on a diet.

Two: You are right, and we aren't just talking about ice cream we should stay away from. Let's get out of here.

(Both exit)

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