

# How To Resist Temptation

*The Power of God's Word – Part 3 (Luke 4:1-14)*

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*2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV) All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

*Genesis 3:6 (NIV) 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.*

*1 John 2:16 (NASB) For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.*

## 1. Follow the \_\_\_\_\_

*Luke 4:1 (NIV) Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert,*

*Luke 4:2 (NIV) where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.*

## 2. Resist the temptation of \_\_\_\_\_

*Luke 4:3 (NIV) The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."*

### 2A. Focus on God's \_\_\_\_\_

*Luke 4:4 (NIV) Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone.'"*

*Deuteronomy 8:3 (NIV) He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.*

## 3. Resist the temptation of \_\_\_\_\_

*Luke 4:5-7 (NIV) The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. So if you worship me, it will all be yours."*

### 3A. Be \_\_\_\_\_ with God's provision

*Luke 4:8 (NIV) Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"*

*Deuteronomy 6:13-14 (NIV) Fear the LORD your God, serve him only and take your oaths in his name. Do not follow other gods, the gods of the peoples around you;*

## 4. Resist the temptation of \_\_\_\_\_

*Luke 4:9 (NIV) The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here.*

*Luke 4:10-11 (NIV) For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"*

*Luke 4:12 (NIV) Jesus answered, "It says: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"*

*Deuteronomy 6:16 (NIV) Do not test the LORD your God as you did at Massah.*

*Exodus 17:7 (NIV) And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"*

## 5. Be on your \_\_\_\_\_

*Luke 4:13-14 (NIV) When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time. Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside.*

# How To Resist Temptation – Study Guide

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Intro. Describe in your own words what the Bible is useful for (2 Timothy 3:16-17)?

In what ways is the first temptation in the garden of Eden a type of the temptations we face today (Genesis 3:6)?

List some common temptations of today that would fall under each of the three categories found in 1 John 2:16.

How does giving into temptation hurt a person and his relationships?

1. What does it mean to be led by the Spirit (Luke 4:1, Romans 8:13-14)?

What does the Spirit have to do with our temptations (Luke 4:2)?

2. What was the sin Satan was tempting Jesus with in Luke 4:3?

What is the utility of God's Word in resisting temptation (Luke 4:4, Deuteronomy 8:3)?

3. What was the lure of Satan's temptation of Jesus in Luke 4:5-7?

How did Jesus' response in Luke 4:8 (quoting Deuteronomy 6:13-14) resist Satan's temptation?

In what ways are we tempted with covetousness today? How can we resist those temptations?

4. How was Satan's temptation of Jesus in Luke 4:9-11, the most difficult temptation of Jesus?

What did Jesus' response of not putting God to the test mean (Luke 4:12, Deuteronomy 6:16, Exodus 17:7)?

How are we tempted by Satan with pride and putting God to the test today?

5. How can you be on your guard against Satan's temptations (Luke 4:13-14, Luke 11:4, 1 Peter 5:8-9)?