

Overcoming Temptations Following Jesus – Part 2

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1 Corinthians 10:13 (ESV) No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

Luke 4:1-2 (ESV) And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry.

1. Seek God's kingdom _____, not your needs

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

Luke 4:4 (ESV) And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'"

2. Worship God _____, not anything else

Luke 4:5 (ESV) And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time,

Luke 4:6-7 (ESV) and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours."

Luke 4:8 (ESV) And Jesus answered him, "It is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.'"

3. Follow God, don't _____ Him

Luke 4:9 (ESV) And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here,

Luke 4:10-11 (ESV) for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,' and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'"

Luke 4:12 (ESV) And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Luke 4:13 (ESV) And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Weekly Healing Scripture

Matthew 12:15 (ESV) Jesus, aware of this, withdrew from there. And many followed him, and he healed them all.

Overcoming Temptations Study Guide

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Intro. How would you define a temptation?

Why is it possible for you to overcome any temptation (1 Corinthians 10:13)?

Why do people often have problems with persistent temptations?

What role did the Holy Spirit play in Jesus' temptations in the wilderness (Luke 4:1-2)?

1A. In what ways did Satan tempt Jesus at a time of weakness (Luke 4:3)?

1B. How is the use of Scripture by Jesus a key in overcoming temptation (Luke 4:4)?

1C. What type of temptations do you face that are some sort of physical desire?

2A. What does Luke 4:5 tell us about Satan's power and knowledge of what will be the most effective temptation?

2B. As Jesus was destined to have all authority and glory, what made this temptation so strong (Luke 4: 6-7)?

2C. How did the Scripture Jesus quoted overcome the temptation (Luke 4:8)?

2D. What temptations do we face that involve worshipping things other than God?

3A. What would have been the popular response if Jesus had jumped from the temple pinnacle and been unharmed (Luke 4:9)?

3B. What does Satan's use of Scripture warn us about false teachers (Luke 4:10-11)?

3C. What does it mean to put God to the test (Luke 4:12, Exodus 17:7)?

3D. What are opportune times for the devil to tempt you (Luke 4:13)?

3E. In what situations are you tempted to blame God for unanswered prayer?