

His Faultless Character

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Big Idea: When we learn to battle temptation the way Christ did, we can be victorious in living what we say we believe.

Text: Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert. - Luke 4:1

When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time. - Luke 4:13

For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? - Romans 7:22-24

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

I. WAYS SATAN TEMPTS US.

A. The temptation for Jesus to *put personal* ______ ahead of the Father's will.

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone.' " - Luke 4:4

B. The temptation ______.

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." - Luke 4:5-7

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

C. The temptation for ______

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. 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 4:9-11

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

When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time. - Luke 4:13

II. HOW TO WIN THE VICTORY.

A. _____ by the victory of Christ.

For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted. – Hebrews 2:18 {NASV}

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. - James 4:7

So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. - Galatians 5:16

You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness. - Romans 6:18

For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. -1 John 5:4

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it. – 1 Corinthians 10:13

B. Understand the lethal ______ of sin.

C. Know and use the ______

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. - Psalm 119:11

How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. - Psalm 119:9

D. _____ for the filling of God's Holy Spirit.

E. _____ your areas of weakness.

F. Value ______ above reputation.

May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope is in you. - Psalm 25:21