

EASTER – IT'S KIND OF A BIG DEAL

“Temptation” – Pt 1 of 3

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“If only I knew then what I know now.”

“Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.”

Matthew 4:1 (NIV)

TWO TRUTHS FROM JESUS' TEMPTATIONS

1. In every temptation we face, there's always more at _____ than what we think.
2. Our ability to resist temptation rests on how much we trust God's _____.

THE WILES OF THE DEVIL

“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the WILES of the devil.” **Ephesians 6:11 (NKJV)**

THREE TYPES OF TEMPTATION

“For God so loved the WORLD that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” **John 3:16 (NIV)**

“For everything in the WORLD—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.” **1 JOHN 2:16 (NIV)**

1. **LUST OF THE _____ – Temptation to feel good. Passion**
NOT sins of the flesh – Desiring food, water, shelter, sex, comfort
ARE sins of the flesh – Gluttony, sex outside of God's boundaries

Jesus' temptation – Get food satan's way rather than trusting God to feed him.
Adam & Eve's temptation – Eating forbidden fruit is sin. BAIT - looked tasty.
2. **LUST OF THE _____ – Temptation to have things. Possession**
NOT lust of the eyes – Watching sunsets, adoring babies, seeing beauty in life
IS lust of the eyes – Looking at porn, lusting over new cars, purses, houses

Jesus' temptation – Get authority over the world from satan rather than God.
Adam & Eve's temptation – Eating forbidden fruit is sin. BAIT - looked pretty.
3. **_____ OF LIFE – Temptation to be. Position. Loved, envied, worshipped**
NOT pride of life – Desiring food, water, shelter, sex, comfort
IS pride of life – Gluttony, sex outside of God's boundaries

Jesus' temptation – Jump off Temple, land safely and get following. Show off.
Adam & Eve's temptation – Eating forbidden fruit is sin. BAIT – Be like God.

What is the area of your life where you are most tempted to meet a legitimate need in an irresponsible way?

THREE BIBLE VALUES THAT WILL BEAT TEMPTATION

1. _____ – Not perfection but rather wholeness. What you see is what you get.
To Do – Be a person of your _____, Your future reputation depends upon it.

"People who promise things that they never give are like clouds and wind that bring no rain." **Proverbs 25:14 (GN)**

OTHER FORMS OF INTEGRITY

1. Pay your bills
2. Do your best at work or volunteering
3. Be real with others

2. _____ – You can give without loving, but you can't love without giving.
To Do – Be a person of your _____, Your future reputation depends upon it.

"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."

Ephesians 5:1-2 (ESV)

CONSEQUENCES OF GENEROSITY

1. _____ loses it's grip on you
2. You can _____ others when God blesses you
3. You become more like _____

3. _____ – Not thinking less of yourself, but rather thinking of yourself less.
To Do – Ask your _____ about their needs, wants, hopes and dreams.

"Look out for one another's interests, not just for your own." **Philippians 2:4 (GNT)**

REALITIES OF HUMILITY

1. It is counterculture. It goes against much of what our world emphasizes.
2. It doesn't come naturally. It must be learned.
3. God promises to meet your needs when you focus on needs of others.