



## Matthew 4:1-11 Triumphing over temptation

### Understanding temptation:

- \* God \_\_\_\_\_ us to bring the \_\_\_\_\_ out of us.  
Satan \_\_\_\_\_ us to bring the \_\_\_\_\_ out of us.
- \*God and Satan are NOT equals.

### In every temptation:

- 1) Look for the \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Look out for the \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) There is a \_\_\_\_\_.

### Jesus' Three Temptations

**The first temptation:** self-\_\_\_\_\_

**The lie:** God wouldn't provide food

**The self:** don't wait on God, don't trust, do it yourself

**The way out:** God's word. Deut. 8:3

**Focus on God's** \_\_\_\_\_

**The second temptation:** self-\_\_\_\_\_

**The lie:** It's ok to test God

**The self:** demanding God do something and come through for my glory, not His

**The way out:** God's Word: Deut 6:16 Don't test God.

**Focus on God's** \_\_\_\_\_.

**The third temptation:** self-\_\_\_\_\_, being in control

**The lie:** compromise is ok

**The self:** the easy way is fine, fast, and better

**The way out:** God's word: Deut 6:13

**Focus on God's** \_\_\_\_\_

## How do we experience Victory over temptation?

**1) Keep your \_\_\_\_\_ full/ know what depletes, refuels.**

\*Sin always **takes** us further than we wanted to go

\*It always **costs** us more than we wanted to pay.

Choose to sin, choose to suffer.

\*It always **keeps** us longer than we wanted to stay

**Spiritual Tank: Get God's word into you!**

**One thing I will do** \_\_\_\_\_

**2) Advance \_\_\_\_\_ making:** Failure to plan is planning to fail.

Don't see how close to that edge you can come, but how far away you can stay.

**3) \_\_\_\_\_ : Accountability, support**

**James 5:16 (NLT)** Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

**Ecclesiastes 8:11** When the sentence for a crime is not quickly carried out, the hearts of the people are filled with schemes to do wrong.

**4) \_\_\_\_\_ : Get out. Stay out.**

**1 Corinthians 10:13** 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.

**5) Remember:**

\*when we sin and there are no consequences, watch out.

**\*Don't just flee from temptation, turn to Jesus:**

**Romans 12:2** Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect his will really is.

**Remember God's plan...** freedom from sin!

**Recommended resources:**

[www.x3watch.com](http://www.x3watch.com) , [www.Covenanteyes.com](http://www.Covenanteyes.com)



1. List some things that distract us from seeing the spiritual battles all around us. What are some specific ways we can battle our ignorance and apathy toward spiritual warfare?
2. Jesus' hunger to obey God's Word proved greater than his physical hunger. How does God's word sustain us?
3. Explain how Jesus' triumph through temptation is both our example and the basis for our own victory in temptation. What is the danger if we only see Jesus as our example?
4. Of Satan's three temptations in this passage, which one do you struggle with the most? What promise from Scripture might help you battle that temptation?
5. What attributes of God strengthen you during temptation?
6. How do Satan's temptations seek to undermine the purpose of the cross?
7. How does the promise of eternal life and the believer's future reign with Christ affect your everyday battle with sin?



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