

THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

INTRODUCTION

- Ministry is to be of service _____ to others.
- Ministry unto God ends up testing your character _____. Ministry again and again points you to the character _____ of Christ.

TESTED BY THE TEMPTER

- What are other names for the Devil? _____
- The devil is cunning and is opposed _____ to all that _____ has done and will do.
- Israel's failing showed their _____ of complete faith. But in his testing, Jesus will reveal his complete _____ faithfulness.

TRUST IN GOD'S WORD

Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

- The Devil primary scheme or primary weapon: _____
- The devil will cast doubt when _____ and where _____ he can.
- In the face of physical _____ needs, it is easy to turn away from God. To lose trust in him and his promises _____.
- As we pray each and every week: Give us this day _____. We depend and trust He will provide all that we need in body and in soul.

TRUST IN GOD'S WAYS

Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'

- Satan casts doubt on _____ faithfulness and tempts us not trust God but to _____ Him.
- You can't just do things that are against God's _____ and expect him to keep you safe from all harm all the time.
- You want God to bless you? Walk in His _____ ways not yours.

WORSHIP GOD ABOVE ALL ELSE

Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."

- J. Warner Wallace says that there are basically three motivations for murder: Financial greed _____, sexual/relational issues _____, and the pursuit of power _____.
- The devil tempted Jesus to gain a crown of glory without the _____. It is the same with us. The tempter will tell you of all the glory he will give you without the cross.
- Christ's command for Satan to be gone shows not only Christ's abhorrence _____ of the devil's proposal, but his supremacy over him

HEAR & APPLY THE WORD

Each one of us has our own weaknesses and failings which is why we look to Jesus and His cross each and every day. Each and every day, we are to draw near to His throne of grace. To repent and receive the mercy we need, and the grace in our time of need. As you grow in your love and knowledge of Jesus, the lessons we are taught, as simple as they may seem, are quite profound:

TRUST GOD'S WORD ~ TRUST GOD'S WAYS ~ WORSHIP GOD ABOVE ALL ELSE

When you do that, you stand on Him who is the solid rock.

