

The Temptation of Other Things (James 1:1-18)(Mark 4:19)

(Mark 4:7) *And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit.*

Thorns = A Result of the Fall.

(Mark 4:18-19) *And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, 19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.*

The world smothers the growth in crowded hearts.

They had good intentions!

“Cares of this world”

Illus: these are not sins, just stuff that takes time to deal with.

They have their life stuffed with MATERIAL Things, MATERIAL Projects, MATERIAL Goal, and MATERIAL Dreams.

“Deceitfulness of Riches”

Ex. Why are riches Deceitful? - Riches don't bring happiness.

If I only had a little more money, then I could fix my problems

(Prov 27:20) *Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied.*

You cannot be satisfied with a little more!

If I only had a little more money, then I would spend time with the kids.

Deceitful: The world and its value system fools us into believing money fixes everything.

\$\$\$ is a tool, Has no Lasting Value

Illus: history Channel did a documentary on Lottery winners “If you had character flaws before you were wealthy, Money only accentuates them by giving you greater access.”

Drugs, Money, Sex.

“Lusts of Other Things” The Most Dangerous to Christians!

These Three Things Negate the Word of God!

Counter act the effects of God's Word in our lives.

Personal Walk with God on a Daily Basis (James 1:12-19a)

(James 1:2) *My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;*

Counting all Joy is an act of faith in God.

(James 2:3-4) *Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. 4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.*

Counting all Joy is an act of faith in God, that He will use them for our Good to fulfill His Will.

(James 1:12-18)

[12] *Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.*

[13] *Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:*

[14] *But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.*

[15] *Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.*

[16] *Do not err, my beloved brethren.*

We need knowledge to empower us not to be deceived.

[17] *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.*

[18] *Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.*

The Pattern of Temptation:

Temptation's Attraction: (Vs 13) *Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: God does not lead people to sin.*

3 Constants: Satan's Temptation. God's Sovereign Plan, My Personal Resistance to Temptation.

3 Classic Examples of Temptation's Attraction:

Explain Eve, Achan, David

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Satan tempts us to interpret reality with our fleshly eyes.

They All Saw Something.

Illus: I experienced Something.

I felt Something, I Saw Something! I don't doubt that you did.

We are never to interpret Reality through our senses.

They should have interpreted reality through God's Word.

Do not confuse the imaginations of your mind with the Revelation of God's Word. They do not Compare!

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We must keep a guard on our senses,

Because We are tempted through our senses.

(1 Jn 2:15-17) *Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.*

These 3 Lusts is Christianity for SELF, not the Saviour.

God on My terms (making me god) vs God on His terms without modifying the terms and conditions.

These Three Things Trump the Authority of the God's Word: Lust of the Eyes, Flesh, Pride of Life!

Temptation's Deception: (Vs 16) *Do not err, my beloved brethren.*

[14] *But every man is tempted, when he is **drawn away** of his own lust, and **enticed**. = **LURED!***

Illus: Fisherman use lures.

Fisherman are Deceivers, everyone of them.

Satan lures us, by using fake lures to deceive us.

Studying the scripture is not just to store up Knowledge, but it changes us and the way we Think, Perceive, Understand.

The Word of God is the Un-Deceptor in our lives:

(Eph 6:13) *Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, ... and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:*

Temptation's Preoccupation: [14] *But every man is tempted, when he is **drawn away of his own lust, and enticed**.*

Drawn Away From What: Faithfulness to God!!

King David is a good example of this: (2 Sam 11:1)

He had lost sight of his victory was in his relationship with God, not his Army.

He had the biggest army, he had made Israel a regional powerhouse.

David who decided to take a day off:

He was drawn away: The Pride of Life
He has an affection to His position & Authority.

When a person is being counseled for Infidelity, the question I have to ask is ...

"Has the Affection been Broken?"

Are you still Desiring her?

Are you still Drawn Away unto Him?

The Affection has not been broken until there is a loathing of the Sin.

All sin is like this.

Is the Affection for that other person broken? Do you loath your sin?

Is the Affection for Alcohol broken? Do you loath your sin?

Is the Affection for Tobacco broken? Do you loath your sin?

Is the Affection for Drugs broken? Do you loath your sin?

Is the Affection for Anger broken? Do you loath your sin?

Is the Affection for Bitterness broken? Do you loath your sin?

Is the Affection for Unforgiveness broken? Do you loath your sin?

Is the Affection for not Trusting God broken? Do you loath your sin?

Temptation's Conception:[15] ***Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.***

Temptation's Subjection: [15] ***Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.***

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He lusted: Lust of the Eyes.

He was Enticed: He desired Her.

He was Tempted: The Lust of the Flesh

He Sinned: He took Her.

Then Death:

The Murder of Uriah

The Death of the Baby

The Rape of Tamar

The Death of Amnon

The Exile, Revolt and Death of Absalom.

A Dead Life!!!!

To avoid Death, avoid Sin.

To avoid Sin, avoid Temptation.

To avoid Temptation, avoid Enticement.

To avoid Enticement, avoid Lust.

To avoid Lust, avoid being Drawn Away.

To Avoid being Drawn Away, Be Faithful in your walk with God!

The sick part is, the Devil cons us into believing we can stop the progression at anytime.

It wont happen to me.

I wont let it get that far.

I know what I am doing.

(Sound Familiar) We talk to ourselves.

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HOW DO WE KEEP FROM BEING DRAWN AWAY?

David left his duty.

Our Duty preserves us.

Our Duty Is set within the lavishness of God's Grace.

When you reject Duty you reject God's Grace. (Titus 2:11-12)

We are born again into a relationship with God, as our Father. In any relationship there are expectations.

(Eph 2:10) *For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*

(Gal 5:16) Walking in the Spirit.

“The Lust of OTHER THINGS”

Like a Fisherman, the devil is constantly luring us with shiny things.

The devil gets us focused on what we don't have, to the sacrifice of all we have.

How do I Walk in the Spirit?

James gives 3 warnings

Learn ourselves and the temptation cycle.

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"Desire for Other Things" (Mark 4:19)

We listen to exhortation from the Bible & look to man to explain it. (James 1:17)

"Become convinced of the unswerving goodness of God"

[17] *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.*

Gen 3, it wasn't just Gods word that is being questioned, it's God's character.

"Eve, Desired Other Things"

Our God is Good All the Time

Be aware of the significance of the New Birth.

[18] *Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.*

The Expulsive Nature of the New Birth:

New Affections:

New Instincts:

New Identity:

What if we have failed?

There is a new door open to us at Calvary's cross.

At the point of Belief of the Gospel, the New Birth Happens.

(1 Jn 5:1)

Illus: *there are only 2 religions int he World.*

The DO Religions: all but 1

The Done Religion: Bible Christianity