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If you find and use these keys, your life will be happier and CAN be eternal.

Intro

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To find the keys, you need to understand temptation.

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Here comes the key

God has PROMISED his faithful help with temptation, but only for those who are DEDICATED to him. Think about it. Why should He help someone who IGNORES him, or CHOOSES to be disobedient? But to the loyal, obedient follower, He is faithful. Paul wrote, “ No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation HE WILL ALSO PROVIDE THE WAY OF ESCAPE, that you may be ABLE TO ENDURE it.”

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4 lessons

- Follow Luke's order of flesh, eyes, pride
- Try to keep each lesson VERY short – 4-5 minutes each.
- Temptations themselves
 - 1 John 2:16 1 John 2:16 For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world.
- Jesus & stones
- Jesus & kingdoms

- Jesus & temple
- Complete all 4 at one recording session
 - Do separate Hooks
 - Do separate endings
 - Edit and prepare all 4 before releasing the 1st one.

Notes on Temptation itself

- Do not forget to use 1 John 2:16 & 1 Cor 10.13
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 - James 1.13-15
 - RWP James 1.13-15
 - Prohibiting such a habit
 - The use of *apo* shows origin (*apo* with ablative case), not agency
 - I have heard wicked and weak men blame God for their sins. Cf. Pro 19:3; Sirach 15:11f. Temptation does not spring “from God.” Proverbs 19:3 When a man's folly brings his way to ruin, his heart rages against the LORD.
 - *Epithumia* is old word for craving
 - *Enticed* (*deleazomenos*). Present passive participle of *deleazō*, old verb from *delear* (bait), to catch fish by bait or to hunt with snares
 - *The lust* (*hē epithumia*). Note article, the lust (Jas 1:14) which one has.
 - Not a shotgun blast pattern, but a rifle shot. 1 bullet.
 - Here also of lust (as a woman), “having conceived.” The will yields to lust and conception takes place.
 - *Beareth sin* (*tikteī hamartian*). Present active indicative of *tiktō* to bring forth as a mother or fruit from seed, old verb, often in N.T., here only in James. Sin is the union of the will with lust. See Psa 7:14 for this same metaphor.

(Psalms 7:14 Behold, the wicked man conceives evil and is pregnant with mischief and gives birth to lies.)

- The sin (*hē hamartia*). The article refers to *hamartia* just mentioned.
- It does not mean “full-grown” like *teleioō*, but rather completeness of parts or functions as opposed to rudimentary state (Hort) like the winged insect in contrast with the chrysalis or grub.
- The sin at birth is fully equipped for its career (Rom_6:6). (*Romans 6:6 We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.*)
- Vincent
 - Of God (ἀπὸ Θεοῦ) Lit., from God. Not *by* God, as the direct agent, but by agency proceeding *from* God.
 - Lit., *is incapable of being tempted*.
 - “*He himself tempteth no man.*”
 - Only here in New Testament. This and the following word are metaphors from hunting and fishing. *Drawn away*, as beasts are enticed from a safecover into a place beset with snares. Note the present participle, as indicating the *progress* of the temptation: “*is being drawn away.*”
- It should be remembered that since Jesus has been divine, he has not had the experience of humans dealing with temptations.
- J-F-B
 - *enticed* — literally, “taken with a bait,” as fish are. The *further progress: the man allowing himself* (as the *Greek* middle voice implies) to be enticed to evil.
 - Then *the particular sin* (so the *Greek* implies), “when it is completed, brings forth death,”
 - He who will fight Satan with Satan’s own weapons, must not wonder if he finds himself overmatched.
- Barnes
 - Temptation is a subject which does not pertain to him.
- 1 John 2:16
 - RWP
 - “The lust of the flesh” (*hē epithumia tēs sarkos*, subjective genitive, lust felt by the flesh) may be illustrated by Mar 4:19; Gal 5:17.

- *ē epithumia tōn ophthalmōn* (the lust of the eyes) is subjective, lust with the eyes as organs as shown by Jesus in Mat 5:28.
 - Matthew 5:28 But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.
- Vincent
 - The lust of the flesh involves the appropriation of the desired object. 1 Peter 2:11 Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.
- TSK
 - Romans 13:14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.
 - Gal 5.24 Galatians 5:24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.
 - Eph 2:3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.
 - Titus 2.12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,
 - Gen 3.6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.
 - Gen 6.2 the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose.
 - Joshua 7.21 when I saw among the spoil a beautiful cloak from Shinar, and 200 shekels of silver, and a bar of gold weighing 50 shekels, then I coveted them and took them. And see, they are hidden in the earth inside my tent, with the silver underneath.”
 - Psa 119.37 Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways.

- Dan 4.30 and the king answered and said, “Is not this great Babylon, which I have built by my mighty power as a royal residence and for the glory of my majesty?”
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- Homiletical
 - “The habit of a mind engrossed by sensual gratifications.”
 - “All living up to a supposed social position,
- Pupit
 - not merely the lust after the flesh, but all lust that has its seat in the flesh.
 - The lust of the eyes is that lust that has its origin in sight (*Augenlust*)—curiosity, covetousness, etc.
 - arrogance of living, is ostentation exhibited in the manner of living; the empty pride and pretentiousness of fashion and display. It includes the desire to gain credit which does not belong to us, and outshine our neighbours.
- M.Henry
 - There is *the lust of the flesh*. *The flesh* here, being distinguished from *the eyes* and *the life*, imports the body. The lust of the flesh is, subjectively, the humour and appetite of indulging fleshly pleasures; and, objectively, all those things that excite and inflame the pleasures of the flesh. This lust is usually called *luxury*.
 - There is *the lust of the eyes*. The eyes are delighted with treasures; riches and rich possessions are craved by an extravagant eye; this is the lust of covetousness.
 - There is the *pride of life*. A vain mind craves all the grandeur, equipage, and pomp of a vain-glorious life; this is ambition, and thirst after honour and applause. This is, in part, the disease of the ear; it must be flattered with admiration and praise.
- J-F-B
 - lust of the eyes — the avenue through which outward things of the world, riches, pomp, and beauty, inflame us. Satan tried this temptation on Christ when he showed Him the kingdoms of the world in a moment. By the lust of the eyes David (2Sa 11:2) and Achan fell (Jos 7:21). Compare David’s prayer, Psa 119:37; Job’s resolve, Psa 31:1; Mat 5:28.
- 1 Cor 10.13

- RWP
 - *The way of escape (tēn ekbasin).* “The way out” is always there right along with (*sun*) the temptation.
 - It is cowardly to yield to temptation and distrustful of God.
- Vincent
 - *Common to man (ἀνθρώπινος)* The word means *what belongs to men, human.*
 - They are in danger and must watch, but the temptation will not be beyond their strength.
 - *A way to escape (τὴν ἔκβασιν) Rev., better, the way of escape.* The word means *an egress, a way out.*
- Pulpit
 - St. Paul, therefore, reminds them that these temptations were not superhuman, but were such as men *had* resisted, and such as *they* could resist.
 - mode of deliverance shall be ready simultaneously with the temptation. *Away to escape; rather, the way to escape.*
- M.Henry
 - for either our trials will be proportioned to our strength, or strength will be supplied in proportion to our temptations.
 - He knows what we can bear, and what we can bear up against; and he will, in his wise providence, either proportion our temptations to our strength or make us able to grapple with them.
- J-F-B
 - *To bear it — Greek, “to bear up under it,” or “against it.”*
Not, He will take it away

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