

Temptation: Needs, or Wants?

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Hook (**Temptation #2: Needs or Wants?**)

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Benefit

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Mankind NEEDS food. (But some of us enjoy it too much!) Remember how Eve saw the forbidden fruit. It is written that she “saw that it was good for food.” (Gen 3.6). The fruit would have met the physical NEEDS. Her problem was she listened to Satan's lies and WANTED more.

In the case of Jesus, being hungry wasn't really the problem. The temptation was to FOLLOW SATAN'S SUGGESTION and turn the stones into bread. But that would mean that he was LISTENING to Satan. He would be paying attention to the GREATEST LIAR of all time. Jesus himself said in John 8.44 that Satan is the father of lies. How wise would it have been for Jesus to listen to him??

So, Jesus used one of the keys we discussed in “Do Temptations Kill?”(found in additional resources below). He SAW a way out. His way out was scripture. ““It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by EVERY WORD that comes FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD.” (Matt 4.4; Deut. 8:3)

Real living and conquering Temptation requires 1) accurate knowledge of what God expects; and 2) Looking for the keys.

Have you been LISTENING to Satan? WHEN did he lie to you? Is he already in control because you didn't know what God's demands are? Or maybe you WEREN'T LOOKING for an ESCAPE from temptation

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Notes

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 Stones

- [Luke 4:2-4](#) for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. (3) The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” (4) And Jesus answered him, “**It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone.’**”
- Matthew 4:1-4 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. (2) And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. (3) And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” (4) But he answered, “It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”
- It should be remembered that since Jesus has been divine, he has not had the experience of humans dealing with temptations.
- **RWP**
 - [Mat 4:2](#) has the aorist active participle *nēsteusas* which usually means a religious fast for purposes of devotion.
 - This mental and spiritual strain would naturally take away the appetite and there was probably nothing at hand to eat. The weakness from the absence of food gave the devil his special opportunity to tempt Jesus which he promptly seized.
 - This stone (*tōi lithōi toutōi*). Perhaps pointing to a particular round stone that looked in shape and size like a loaf of bread.
 - The hunger of Jesus opened the way for the diabolic suggestion designed to inspire doubt in Jesus toward his Father. Matthew has “these stones.”
 - Jesus felt the force of each of the temptations without yielding at all to the sin involved.
 - Jesus quotes Deu_8:3 in reply to the devil. (*Deuteronomy 8:3 And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.*)
- Vincent
 - Mark does not mention the fast. Matthew uses the word *νηστεύσας*, *having fasted*, which, throughout the New

Testament, is used of abstinence for religious purposes; a ritual act accompanying seasons of prayer.

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