

## **“A Strategy For Resisting Temptation”**

**Luke 4:1-13**

**Sermon Series: “The Servant King”**

Jesus crushed the head of the serpent. Colossians 2:14-15 says, “having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. **15** Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.” However, Satan, even though he is defeated, is still dangerous. Otherwise the Bible would not say things like:

**Ephesians 6:11-12-** “Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. **12** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.”

**1 Peter 5:8-9a** “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith...”

-Practically, how can we submit to God and resist the devil? Here are some strategies to apply based on how Jesus handled the devil in this passage.

### **1. Live securely out of the identity of who we are in Christ (v. 3, 9).**

-Identity determines activity. Jesus did not do anything outside the will of God to prove that He was the Son of God. He trusted His Father’s affirmation at His baptism so He didn’t succumb to the lie that God wasn’t taking care of Him, or that Satan had something better than the cross, or that Jesus could do things His own way and presume that God would take care of Him.

-We are dearly beloved children of God in union with Jesus and blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.

### **2. Be filled with the Holy Spirit (v. 1-2). [Proverbs 27:7]**

### **3. Be aware of Satan’s schemes.**

#### **A. Satan is looking for opportune moments (v. 13).**

Application Question: What are our weak points that are opportune moments for Satan?

#### **B. Satan is a deceiver.**

Application Question: What lies are we prone to believe? Rick Warren says, “Behind every sin we commit, there is a lie that we believe.”

**4. Reject Satan's lies with the truth of the Word of God (v. 3-12).**

-We can do this by reading, studying, meditating on, and memorizing God's Word and then applying it to the different situations that we face.

**5. Let God change our desire from gratifying our flesh to glorifying Him.**

-This is the subtext of what Jesus was saying in quoting those verses.

-James 1:12-15