

THE DO-IT-YOURSELF LIFE
Loosening Your Grip II
Luke 4:1-13

INTRODUCTION

- A. In 1987, Harper's magazine ran a 7-page ad on the seven deadly sins.
 - 1. Obesity 2. Greed 3. Envy
 - 4. Wrath 5. Laziness 6. Pride
 - 7. Lust
- B. Were they right in their selections?
 - 1. Are these the sins that cause you trouble?
 - 2. Which sins would you list?
- C. Ongoing battle of good and evil.
 - 1. Battle of Satan and Jesus.
 - a. From the Garden of Eden to now.
 - 2. Which of these sins did Satan hit Jesus with?
 - a. 1 Jn. 2:16 – Lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, pride of life.
 - 3. Suggest one more possibility often overlooked.

I. CLASSIC TEMPTATION OF CHRIST, Lk. 4:1-13.

- A. Is There More to This Temptation?
 - 1. It was an ambush.
 - a. Not a chance meeting – it was planned!
 - b. Jesus was led into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit, v. 1.
 - c. A sudden death challenge; if Jesus sinned, Satan won.
 - 2. The timing was incredible.
 - a. Coming from the Jordan after His baptism.
 - b. God had affirmed His Sonship.
 - c. He was full of the Holy Spirit, ready for His ministry.
- B. Which Sins Were Used by Satan to Tempt Jesus?
 - 1. Gluttony? A few slices not enough after 40 days.
 - 2. Greed? He did not want the wealth of the world.
 - 3. Envy? No interest in the positions offered.
 - 4. Wrath? None of the temptations brought out anger.
 - 5. Laziness? No temptation to laziness.
 - 6. Pride? His genealogy did not go to His head.
 - 7. Lust? Jesus' thoughts only on holy things.
- C. Temptation of Self-Sufficiency.
 - 1. Feed yourself. Why wait any longer? v. 3
 - 2. How are you to create Your kingdom? v. 5-6
 - a. What has God given You for this task?
 - b. What plan does God have for this kingdom?
 - 3. Why not test God, just to make sure? v. 9-11
 - 4. Jesus had given up control, Phil. 2:7-8.
 - a. Heb. 10:5-7 [Ps. 40:6-8].
 - i. Ears you have opened – pierced!

- ii. Perpetual servant; obedient and submissive.
- b. He took refuge in God.
- c. Answered each temptation with Scripture.

II. SATAN VS. ME.

A. Follow In the Steps of Jesus.

- 1. He asks us to give up total control.
 - a. Lk. 9:23, "... *he must deny himself, ...*"
 - b. Gal. 2:20, "*No longer I who lives...*"
- 2. He asks us to depend totally on God.
 - a. Pr. 3:5-6, "*Trust in the Lord...*"
 - b. Mt. 6:33, "*But seek **first** His kingdom...*"

B. Who Is in Control in Your Life?

- 1. Ps. 37:3-6, "*Commit thy way unto Him...*"
- 2. Ps. 62:7-8, "*On God is my salvation...*"
 - a. 1 Pet. 5:7, "*Casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.*"
- 3. Isa. 40:31, "*Those who wait for the Lord...eagles.*"