

# THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

### "TEMPTATION, WHAT ARE WE TO DO?" – PART 4

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,  
THE SON OF GOD, AND THE SON OF MAN*

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*and if this message had a subtitle, it would have to be;*

**"When Temptation Strikes Home"**

**or**

**when** it walks up or **when** it glides up or **when** it slowly makes its way  
or **when** it masks itself or **when** it looks good or **when** it sounds good or  
**when** it feels right or **when** it's encouraged by others

#### Proverb 1:10

My son, if sinners entice you, Do not consent.

#### Luke 4:1-13

Then Jesus, **being filled with the Holy Spirit**, returned from the Jordan and was led **by the Spirit** into the wilderness, **:2 being tempted** for forty days **by the devil**. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, **He was hungry. :3** And the devil said to Him (1) "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." **:4** But Jesus answered him, saying, **"It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'** **" :5** Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. **:6** And the devil said to Him, (2) "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. :7 Therefore, if

**You will worship before me, all will be Yours.” :8 And Jesus answered and said to him, “**Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’ ” :9** Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, “**If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here. :10 For it is written: “*He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you,*’ :11 and, “*In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.*” ’ :12** And Jesus answered and said to him, “**It has been said, ‘You shall not tempt the LORD your God.’ ” :13** Now when the devil had ended **every temptation**, he departed from Him until an opportune time.**

## **Jesus' Spiritual Success Against Temptation**

was based upon Two, Never Changing Foundations  
to Victorious Christian Living

**#1**

was his knowledge of the word, the Bible

**#2**

him being filled with the Holy Spirit

### **It's the Patter of Worship = John 4:23-24**

But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. **:24** God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

## **TEMPTATION, WHAT ARE WE TO DO?**

it's what we've learned from Jesus

### **Matthew 4:18-19**

And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.  
**:19** Then He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

## **This "Following" that Jesus Speaks of**

is a mimicking, a shaping, an assuming of the same.  
<it's the apprentice who's becoming like the journeyman>

# Jesus is Saying;

## Walk Where I Walk and "Walk Like I Walk"

This Message is Addressed to the Christian, This  
Study Assumes  
the Lordship of Jesus Christ is a Reality in Your  
Life.

Jesus Invites Us to Walk with Him Through This World  
filled with dangers and difficulties and  
temptations!

## TEMPTATION, WHAT ARE WE TO DO?

### ***1.) We're Going to Allow Conviction!***

Conviction is our being awakened to the knowledge of sin, or wrong against the  
holiness of God!

#### **It's a Very Good Thing and Here's Why**

Conviction to the Soul, Like Pain is to the Human Body.

Without Pain, You Would Never Know That Something is Wrong.

What is the Conviction of God?  
Jesus Said This About Conviction;

## Conviction is God's Spotlight on Sin

### ***a.) Conviction proves my relationship with God***

#### **John 16:8-11**

And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of  
judgment: **:9** of sin, because they do not believe in Me; **:10** of righteousness, because I  
go to My Father and you see Me no more; **:11** of judgment, because the ruler of this  
world is judged.

## When I am Heading in the Wrong Direction, God the Holy Spirit “Stings Me” with Truth

### Hebrews 12:5

And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: “My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,

Jesus, The Pharisees and The Adulterous Woman

### John 8:7-9

So when they continued asking Him, He raised Himself up and said to them, “He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first.” :8 And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. :9 Then those who heard *it*, being convicted by *their* conscience,

### ***b.) Conviction tells me of a better way***

### Psalm 65:11

You crown the year with Your goodness, And Your paths drip *with* abundance.

### Proverbs 14:12

There is a way *that seems* right to a man, But its end *is* the way of death.

### Proverbs 3:6

In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

### ***c.) Conviction reminds me of how much He loves me***

### Hebrews 12:6-8

because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son.” :7 Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? :8 If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons.

The Closer I Get to Jesus,

## The More I Want of His "Convicting" Presence in My Life

every time the Lord convicts me,  
it's another reminder of His desire for my life

### **Psalm 23:4b**

**David says of the Lord**

...For You *are* with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

It Makes It Harder for Me to Give Into Temptation  
Because If I Embrace Conviction, It Shuts Another Door on Temptation

## TEMPTATION, WHAT ARE WE TO DO?

### **2.) *We're Going to Receive Forgiveness!***

#### **a.) *Because it releases me from sin's grip***

Back in the Days of the Old Testament...

### **Leviticus 16:8-10**

And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the LORD, and the other lot for the scapegoat. **:9** And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the LORD's lot fell, and offer him for a sin offering. **:10** But the goat, on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat, shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make an atonement with him, and to let him go for a scapegoat into the wilderness.

They Waited Until The Scapegoat was Invisible  
(then the people rejoiced greatly)

### **John 1:29**

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

### **Luke 5:18-21**

Then behold, men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed, whom they sought to bring in and lay before Him. **:19** And when they could not find how they might bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the housetop and let him down with *his* bed through the tiling into the midst before Jesus. **:20** When He saw their faith, He

said to him, "Man, your sins are forgiven you." :21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

## ***b.) Because it enables me to hear from God again***

Now Hear This...

When a Non-Believer Sins, He has No Place to Go  
(The Lord is Waiting for Him to Repent and Believe)

When a Christian Sins, He has Christ to Go To  
(That's When Fellowship is Restored and Communication is Reestablished)

### **Isaiah 59:1-2**

Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. :2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden *His* face from you, So that He will not hear.

### **1 John 1:7-9**

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. :8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. :9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

If I am Walking With the Lord, In His Light, In His Fellowship,  
Then I Will be Experiencing Continuous Revival

### **Matthew 6:10**

Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as *it is* in heaven. :11 Give us this day our daily bread. :12 And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.

(that's personal fellowship with the Lord)

## **But Listen to This Fellowship Warning...**

### **Matthew 6:14-15**

"For if you forgive men their trespasses, **your heavenly Father** will also forgive you. :15 But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will **your Father** forgive your trespasses.

# Fellowship's Restored

when we're talking again

## **c.) *Because it empowers me with Joy***

### **Psalm 51:12-13**

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me *by Your* generous Spirit. :13  
*Then* I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You.

### **Colossians 2:13-14**

And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, :14 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.

### **Nehemiah 8:10**

Then Nehemiah said to the people, "Go your way, **eat the fat**, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing has been prepared; for *this day is* holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

A Christian Who Understands That He is Forgiven  
is a man who is exciting to be around, - joy & freedom & peace & dynamic

It Makes It Harder for Me to Give Into Temptation  
**Because Knowing I'm Forgiven, It Shuts Another Door on Temptation**

## **TEMPTATION, WHAT ARE WE TO DO?**

## **3.) *We're Going to Be Encouraged!***

## **a.) *Encouragement causes me to Try Again***

### **Isaiah 1:18**

"Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool."

### **Romans 6:11**

Likewise you also, **reckon** yourselves to be dead indeed to sin,  
but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**This "reckon" or "reckoning"**  
**is an ancient banking term meaning to conclude, to determine, to arrive at what  
the data had produced!**

"Come on, get up, let's go"

**Galatians 2:20**

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

**b.) *Encouragement causes me to Keep Going***

**Romans 8:28-31**

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose. :29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. :30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified. :31 What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us?

**1 Corinthians 10:13**

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it*.

**c.) *Encouragement causes me to Encourage You***

**Galatians 6:1**

Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who *are* spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.

**John 13:34-35**

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. :35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."



**James 5:16**

Confess *your* trespasses to one another,  
and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

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Because If I'm Encouraged, It Shuts Another Door on Temptation

## **TEMPTATION, WHAT ARE WE TO DO?**

### **4.) *We're Going to Get Committed!***

we never give commitment a second thought  
if it is for something that we desire.

the same is true for a man or woman  
that's enroute to heaven.

until we get there, we are devoted to the things of Heaven.

**When I was Just a Little Jack**

I would be collecting model airplanes and hanging them from My Bedroom Ceiling  
I would cut pictures of Airplanes out of Each Months Flying Magazine

**I began saving money and working overtime just to by one more flying lesson  
until I had gotten my pilots license  
I was committed, and you could tell**

### **a.) *Because commitment breeds obedience***

when we decide to get committed to Jesus Christ,  
it's a joy to follow Him where He leads.

**Mark 5:18**

Now when Jesus had Gotten into the boat, he who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him. :19 However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you."

### **b.) *Because commitment creates vision***

**Proverbs 29:18**

Where there is no vision, (revelation) the people perish:

When God is Active, There will be Indicators of His Desire.

When God Speaks - It is Visionary Talk = Let's Go...

Our God Pioneers His Work, and He Loves to Share It  
when we spend time with the Lord, He begins to Impart His desires.

**c.) *Because Commitment produces satisfaction***

**The Woman at The Well was Looking for Satisfaction,  
and She Didn't Even Know It.**

**John 4:13-14**

Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, :14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

**Listen to The Apostle Paul's Satisfaction.**

**2 Timothy 4:6-8**

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. :7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. :8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

**2 Timothy 1:12-13**

For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day. :13 Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

I have always found that the spiritually weak Christians  
always has a hard time with obedience, because of their lack of commitment.

it's a **trust** issue with them / it's a **value** issue with them /  
it's a **commitment** issue with them

**It Makes It Harder for Me to Give Into Temptation  
Because If I'm Committed, It Shuts Another Door on Temptation**

What are Those Things Holding You Back  
from being fully committed to the Lord?

## TEMPTATION, WHAT ARE WE TO DO?

### **5.) *We're Going to Become Usable!***

#### **a.) *Being Usable by being available***

It's "Going to the Altar" Kinda Stuff

##### **2 Chronicles 16:9**

For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of *those* whose heart *is* loyal to Him.

#### **b.) *Being Usable by being usable***

##### **Galatians 6:1-2**

Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who *are* spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. :2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

##### **Hebrews 2:17-18**

Therefore, in all things He had to be made like *His* brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. :18 For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

#### **c.) *Being Usable by being faithful***

You and I Become Faithful by Starting Somewhere

????? Where are you Starting ??????

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# TEMPTATION, WHAT ARE WE TO DO?

## **6.) *We're Going to Stay Focused!***

### **a.) *Focusing on what God's Word has to say***

#### **Romans 6:14**

For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

#### **Matthew 6:13**

And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

#### **Matthew 26:41**

Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation.  
The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.”

### **b.) *Focusing on what God's plan is for me***

#### **Ephesians 2:10**

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

But Jack, How do I Find Out What I'm to Do?  
it's called "prayer" Christian, it's the place where God meets you.

### **c.) *Focusing on what God's future has in store***

planning where we will be in 50 years or 20 years or Next year

giving in to temptation Is not worth it.

it derails and removes God's best plan for me.

#### **Philippians 1:6**

"Be" or "being" confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ;

**Jeremiah 29:11**

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

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## **TEMPTATION, WHAT ARE WE TO DO?**

### ***7.) We're Going to Finish Together!***

#### ***a.) Because our Father is for us***

**John 10:29-30**

My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father's hand. :30 I and My Father are one."

#### ***b.) because we've been given the Holy Spirit***

**Ephesians 4:30**

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

**1 Thessalonians 1:5**

For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance,

#### ***c.) Because Jesus is our Shepherd***

**John 10:27-28**

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. :28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

**HAVE YOU SINNED AND SHAMED YOURSELF, MAYBE OTHERS TOO**

**1 John 2:1**

My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

## The Bible says Our Shepherd is Coming Back

**1 Thessalonians 2:19**

For what *is* our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? *Is it* not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming?

**1 John 2:28**

And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

It Makes It Harder for Me to Give In to Temptation  
Because I'm Finishing, It Shuts Another Door on Temptation

Have You Fallen for the Ultimate Temptation?  
to believe that you will manage God in the End?  
That You will inform Him of Your Goodness?  
That there is Another Way into His Heaven?

**end**