



Heart Issues: Resisting Temptation  
Luke 4:1-39

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Jesus combats Satan by God's Word.

The temptations themselves are not evil.

After the temptation, Jesus:

1. Cures Illnesses. *Luke 4:38-40*
2. shows Spiritual Authority. *Luke 4:31-37, 4:41*
3. works to fulfill God's Calling. *Luke 4:42-44*

How to resist temptation.

1. Be filled with the Spirit. *Galatians 5:16*
2. Know that you will be tempted and recognize it. *1 Peter 5:8-10*
3. The temptation usually involves self-gratification. *James 1:12-15*
4. Always point back to God's Word.
5. Look for the way of escape. *1 Corinthians 10:12-13*

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***Luke 4:1-2 NLT Then Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan River. He was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where He was tempted by the devil for forty days. Jesus ate nothing all that time and became very hungry.***

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**Lead us not into temptation for we can find the way ourselves.**

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***Luke 4:3-4 NLT Then the devil said to Him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become a loaf of bread.” <sup>4</sup> But Jesus told him, “No! The Scriptures say, ‘People do not live by bread alone.’”***

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### **Temptation 1: Personal Needs.**

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*Luke 4:5-8 NLT Then the devil took Him up and revealed to Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. <sup>6</sup> “I will give you the glory of these kingdoms and authority over them,” the devil said, “because they are mine to give to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup> I will give it all to you if you will worship me.” <sup>8</sup> Jesus replied, “The Scriptures say, ‘You must worship the Lord your God and serve only Him.’”*

### **Temptation 2: Earthly Authority.**

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*Luke 4:9-13 NLT Then the devil took Him to Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, and said, “If you are the Son of God, jump off! <sup>10</sup> For the Scriptures say, ‘He will order His angels to protect and guard you. <sup>11</sup> And they will hold you up with their hands so you won’t even hurt your foot on a stone.’” <sup>12</sup> Jesus responded, “The Scriptures also say, ‘You must not test the Lord your God.’” <sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished tempting Jesus, he left Him until the next opportunity came.*

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### **Temptation 3: Personal Recognition/fulfillment.**

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**Jesus combats Satan by God’s Word.**

**Temptations themselves were not evil.**

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*Luke 4:38-40 NLT After leaving the synagogue that day, Jesus went to Simon’s home, where He found Simon’s mother-in-law very sick with a high fever. “Please heal her,” everyone begged. <sup>39</sup> Standing at her bedside, He rebuked the fever, and it left her. And she got up at once and prepared a meal for them. <sup>40</sup> As the sun went down that evening, people throughout the village brought sick family members to Jesus. No matter what their diseases were, the touch of His hand healed every one.*

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**After the temptation, Jesus:**

#### **1. Cures Illnesses.**

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*Luke 4:31-37 NLT Then Jesus went to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and taught there in the synagogue every Sabbath day. <sup>32</sup> There, too, the people were amazed at His teaching, for He spoke with authority. <sup>33</sup> Once when He was in the synagogue, a man possessed by a demon—an evil spirit—cried out, shouting, <sup>34</sup> “Go away! Why are you interfering with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” <sup>35</sup> But Jesus reprimanded him. “Be quiet! Come out of the man,” He ordered. At that, the demon threw the man to the floor as the crowd watched; then it came out of him without hurting him further. <sup>36</sup> Amazed, the people exclaimed, “What authority and power this man’s words possess! Even evil spirits obey Him, and they flee at His command!” <sup>37</sup> The news about Jesus spread through every village in the entire region.*

*Luke 4:41 NLT Many were possessed by demons; and the demons came out at His command, shouting, “You are the Son of God!” But because they knew He was the Messiah, He rebuked them and refused to let them speak.*

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After the temptation, Jesus:

2. shows Spiritual Authority.

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*Luke 4:42-44 NLT Early the next morning Jesus went out to an isolated place. The crowds searched everywhere for Him, and when they finally found Him, they begged Him not to leave them. <sup>43</sup> But He replied, “I must preach the Good News of the Kingdom of God in other towns, too, because that is why I was sent.” <sup>44</sup> So He continued to travel around, preaching in synagogues throughout Judea.*

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After the temptation, Jesus:

3. works to fulfill God’s Calling.

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How To Resist Temptation.

1. Be filled with the Spirit.

*Galatians 5:16 NLT So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won’t be doing what your sinful nature craves.*

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2. Know that you will be tempted and recognize it.

*1 Peter 5:8-10 NLT Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your family of believers all over the world is going through the same kind of suffering you are. <sup>10</sup> In His kindness God called you to share in His eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So after you have suffered a little while, He will restore, support, and strengthen you, and He will place you on a firm foundation.*

**How To Resist Temptation.**

**3. The temptation usually involves self-gratification.**

*James 1:12-15 NLT God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him. <sup>13</sup> And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, "God is tempting me." God is never tempted to do wrong, and He never tempts anyone else. <sup>14</sup> Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. <sup>15</sup> These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.*

**How To Resist Temptation.**

**4. Always point back to God's Word.**

**How To Resist Temptation.**

**5. Look for the way of escape.**

*1 Corinthians 10:12-13 NLT If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall. <sup>13</sup> The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, He will show you a way out so that you can endure.*

**Is your life transparent? Are you willing to show where you are tempted? Where you have fallen, and where God has brought you to victory?**

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