

## Message: Overcoming the tempter

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**Memory verse: James 1:13-15 KJV** Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: [14] But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. [15] Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

**Bible reading: 1 Timothy 6:9-12 KJV** But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. [10] For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. [11] But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. [12] Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

**Matthew 4:1-11 KJV** Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. [2] And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. [3] **And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. [4] But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. [5] Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, [6] And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. [7] Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. [8] Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; [9] And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. [10] Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. [11]** Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

As believers we are to be careful of money as seen in the scripture above the devil will use it to capture, cage and blind souls, I'm praying this hour that the devil will not use money to blind your spiritual eyes in the name of Jesus....

The belly.....Matthew 4 verse 3- 4

Showing off .....Matthew 4 verse 5- 7

Fame and honour .....Matthew 4 verse 8- 10

The above are all connected with money, and the devil will come to tempt you just to destroy your relationship with God. Whenever you see yourself paying more attention to physical food, showing strong desire for power and fame know for sure that the tempter is at work and we must stand firm to resist him as seen in **James 4:7 KJV** Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

### Prayer

1. O lord my God deliver me from temptation in the name of Jesus
2. Give me the grace and power O lord to overcome the lust of money in the name of Jesus
3. Voice of the devil shall not overshadow my voice in the name of Jesus
4. Lord Jesus help me to know and understand your voice in the name of Jesus
5. Satan will not use material things to harvest my soul in the name of Jesus
6. As the lord lives I shall not fall I to the pit of temptation in the name of Jesus
7. Traps set to capture my spiritual life be toasted by fire in the name of Jesus
8. Jesus Christ son of the living God rescue me from the net and cage of temptation in the name of Jesus
9. I overcome by the blood of Jesus expectations and desire of the devil in the name of Jesus
10. Greed shall not kill me in the name of Jesus