

Daily Devotional



David Welsh | “Be _____” Part 5 | February 6 . 7 | Luke 4:1-13

■ day one { should I or shouldn't I? }

What are some things that tempt you? We live in a world of temptations. Everywhere we turn we are tempted by something; back biting, indulgence, anger, and greed. Review Hebrews 2:17-18, Jesus was tempted just like us, He faced the same hurts, struggles, and betrayal that we face, yet was without sin. Think about how He combated the temptations of this world. What are some ways that we as Christians can be more like Jesus? **Today:** Read 1 Corinthians 10:13, what does Paul tell us about God?

■ day two { impatience }

What does being faithful mean to you? Have you ever doubted God's faithfulness? Maybe it was when you were down to your last dime and you got the pink slip that next day. Are you tempted to doubt God then? Do you become impatient when God is still? Review Luke 4:1-13. When the evil one tempts you and taunts you, dangling the very thing that makes you vulnerable right in front of you, what is your first reaction? What was Jesus' reaction to Satan's temptation? **Today:** Resist the devil and he will flee from you. James 4:7

■ day three { dissatisfaction }

Have you ever been dissatisfied with something you thought you wanted? Everywhere we turn there is something bigger and better than the day before. Recently I had a car wreck and my car was getting repaired. My car was not new, but it had been faithful in getting me where I needed to go. But as they pulled that bright and shiny little SUV around, I became dissatisfied with “old faithful.” I began to hunger for the newer shiner vehicle. List some of the things that cause us to become dissatisfied. Think about ways we can battle the temptation of dissatisfaction. **Today:** Remember God's word is our Sword of truth. Use it to fight the enemy. Review Ephesians 6:13-18

■ day four { compromise }

Have you ever compromised what you believe? Temptation leads us down the road called compromise. We turn left on self-pity street, exit on feel Good Avenue and end up parked in front of compromise. No matter your valley, compromise is the ravine that leads to destruction. Review 1 Peter 5: 8-9. Make a list of ways to apply this scripture text to your lives that you may claim Roman 6:14 **Today:** Read Philippians 4:13

■ day five { obedience }

Can you think of a time that you were disobedient to your parents as a child? We have all been there. A time when we knew what was right but did what was wrong anyway. We say, "What will one time hurt?" One time is all it takes for Satan to creep in. One sin leads to another that leads to another. The temptation in the Garden of Eden led to one sin, which led to another. Think of some of the effects that one sin changes things. Just like in the Garden we cannot hide our sin from God. What are some of the things that cause us to compromise our faith and give into temptation? Peer pressure, loneliness, financial troubles, and dissatisfaction. What should we do in those times we feel the temptation becoming more appealing than what we know is right? "Faith in God is expressed by obedience, period." Reread Luke 4:1-13. Jesus was 100% divine, but He was also 100% human and never sinned. **Today and Daily:** Express your love for our Heavenly Father through your obedience Him and your faithfulness to His word. Read Psalm 119:11. Engrave it on your heart that you will be able to resist temptation.

■ a word from the writers

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