

The Gospel According To LUKE

Chapter 4:1-13

“Victory Over Temptation!”

> FIVE STEPS TO VICTORY:

#1- Be FILLED with the Spirit (v1)

Jesus said in **John 3:3,7-** *You must be born again, John 7:38-39- He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of **living** water.” But this He spoke concerning the Spirit **John 14:26-** *But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will **teach** you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. **John 15:26-27-** “But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will **testify** of Me. And you also will bear witness, **John 16:8-15-** However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all **truth**; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will **glorify** Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. **Acts 1:8-** But you shall receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”**

#2- Be LED by the Spirit (v2) (Power through Prayer!)

Rom 8:26-28- *Likewise the Spirit also **helps** in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. **Phil 4:6-7-** Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the **peace** of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. **Matt 6:6-** when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will **reward** you openly. **1 Cor 7:5-6-** Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to **fasting** and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. (This scripture is in regards to the marriage relationship.) **Mark 9:28-29-** And when He had come into the house, His **disciples** asked Him privately, “Why could we not cast him out?” So He said to them, “This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.”*

#3- Use the SWORD of the Spirit (v2-4) (Victory through the Word!)

(v2) tempted- “To try, to put to the test, to entice” **James 4:7-8 -** *Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.*

(v3) FIRST TEMPTATION- DESIRES OF THE FLESH: Satan wants us to obey him in the flesh & to sin against God. Observe the flesh in **Gal 5:19-21-** *Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. **Rom 8:6-** For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.*

(v4) Victory is found in the Word of God- Jesus quoted Deut 8:3- *So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD. **Prov 30:5-** Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him. **Ps 119:11-** Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not **sin** against You! **Eph 6:17-** And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; - **The Word of God** establishes absolute truth for life & eternity!*

#4- Use the TRUTH of the Spirit (v5-8) (Victory through Worship!)

(v6-7) SECOND TEMPTATION- DESIRES OF THE WORLD: Power, greed, materialism -Worship- *proskuneo*- "to make obeisance, do reverence to" (from *pros*, "towards," and *kuneo*, "to kiss") **Jesus quotes- Deut 6:13-15-** *You shall fear the LORD your God and serve Him, and shall take oaths in His name. You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are all around you (for the LORD your God is a jealous God among you), lest the anger of the LORD your God be aroused against you and destroy you from the face of the earth. - The Worship of God takes truth and establishes reality!*

#5- LIVE in the Spirit (v9-13) (Victory through Humility!)

(v9-11) THIRD TEMPTATION- DESIRE FOR GLORY: Satan quotes scripture with a half truth- **Full passage- Ps 91:11-12-** *For He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways. In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. (Beware of false teachers!- 2 Cor 11:3-4- But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted--you may well put up with it! Also Mt. 7:15; 2Peter 2:1). Satan is saying receive glory NOW! Don't go the way of the CROSS! Don't SUFFER & DIE! Take the easy way out, take the short cut! His LOVE for us would not permit it! **Phil 2:5-11-** *Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. - **The Humility of God produces the will of God!****

(v12-13) Jesus is quoting from Deut 6:16-19- *"You shall not tempt the LORD your God as you tempted Him in Massah. You shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, His testimonies, and His statutes which He has commanded you. And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the LORD, that it may be well with you, and that you may go in and possess the good land of which the LORD swore to your fathers, to cast out all your enemies from before you, as the LORD has spoken.*

> **If you have fallen prey to the enemy then come to Jesus, the scripture declares-** *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. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world. - 1 John 2:1-2*