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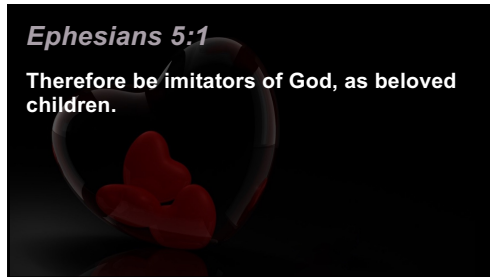
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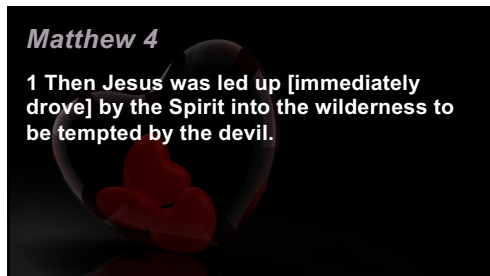
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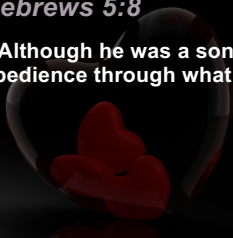
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*Hebrews 5:8*

**8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.**



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*Agency of Self Will*

Body	Exert our self-will.
Mind	Reason our self-will
Voice	Express our self-will
Limbs	Propel our self-will

God desires that we surrender our self-will by offering our body to do His will through the leading of the Holy Spirit



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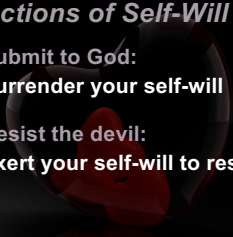
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*Actions of Self-Will*

Submit to God:  
Surrender your self-will

Resist the devil:  
Exert your self-will to resist



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*Trial*

1. God Tests
2. Devil Tempts

A Trial is a series of circumstances whereby God Tests and the devil Tempts with the purpose to Prove that our faith is genuine

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*Satanic Bible: First Commandment*

Do what thou wilt [with your body] shall be the whole of the law

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*1 John 2:15-16*

15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

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### Three Areas of Temptation

Temptation	Adam and Eve	Christ
Lust of Flesh	"I saw that the tree was good for food"	"command these stones to become loaves of bread"
Lust of Eyes	"it was a delight to the eyes"	"the devil...showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me"
Pride of Life	"the tree was to be desired to make one wise"	"If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you,""
1 John 2:16	Genesis 3:6	Matthew 4:1-10

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- ### Jesus Identifies with Us
1. Baptism
  2. Affirmation
  3. Temptation (Learning Obedience)

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### Matthew 4

2 And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

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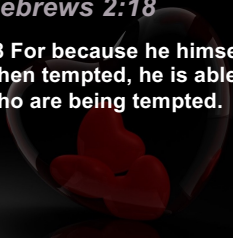
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*Hebrews 2:18*

18 For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.



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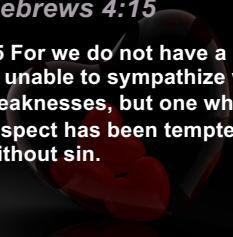
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*Hebrews 4:15*

15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.



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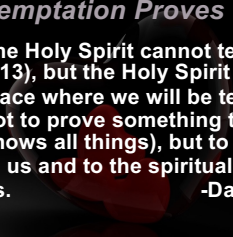
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*Temptation Proves Our Growth*

The Holy Spirit cannot tempt us (James 1:13), but the Holy Spirit may lead us to a place where we will be tempted. This is not to prove something to God (who knows all things), but to prove something to us and to the spiritual beings watching us.

-David Guzik



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*Matthew 4*

3 And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."  
 4 But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

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*Strengths Are Sources of Temptation*

"He [the devil] bids the Lord prove his Sonship by catering for himself; and yet that would have been the surest way to prove that he was not the Son of God."  
 -Spurgeon

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*Deuteronomy 8:3*

3 And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

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***Fight Like a Man***

Jesus was willing to fight this battle as a man; He could have easily rebuked Satan as the Son of God, but resisted him in a way that his followers can imitate and identify with.

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***Observations about Bread***

1. A Necessity Not an Extravagance
2. Completely within Biblical Freedom
3. Easily within God-given calling
4. It was simply God's will in that moment to abstain from eating (Fast)
5. Angels would soon tend every need

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***Matthew 4***

11 Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

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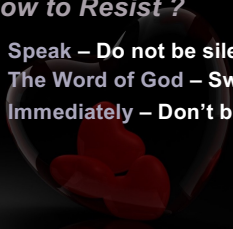
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*How to Resist ?*

1. Speak – **Do not be silent!**
2. The Word of God – **Sword of the Spirit**
3. Immediately – **Don't be overwhelmed!**



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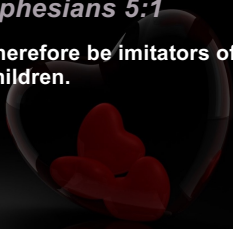
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*Ephesians 5:1*

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.



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