

DELIGHT

“Satan’s Stealing Strategy” (Mt 4:1-11)

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Satan’s STRATEGY

Satan is described as a lion and dragon that desires to “devour” you. He might not be able to steal your salvation, but he can rob you of joy. The Devil’s 3-fold strategy is as old as the Garden of Eden, but can be overcome if we allow the Spirit to fill us with Christ-like attributes.

STRATEGY #1

_____ something in your life that you _____.

STRATEGY #2

Promotes a _____ attitude demanding _____.

STRATEGY #3

Makes you _____ you’re a _____ deserving _____.

“He WHO is IN You”

When you feel overwhelmed by the enemy and you doubt whether or not you have the strength to overcome his temptations, remember:

The _____ isn’t _____, but _____.

Discussion Questions

Getting Started

1. Why are some people who have so little so happy? If you are older, look back upon your life and state when you were most happy. Are you most happy now? When you were in your 20s or 30s? Why do you think you were most happy?

Digging Deeper

2. The word “content” is used all throughout Scripture to help us realize that the things of this world will never totally satisfy us (Philippians 4:11; Hebrews 13:5; Luke 12:15; 1 Timothy 6:6; James 4:2; Psalm 23:1). Would you describe yourself as a “content” person? Or are you restless, always chasing after something?
3. Read Philippians 2:3-11. Meditate upon being “other-oriented” and how that brings delight to your soul. Think about the humility Jesus displayed in his earthly life and how He was exalted because of His meekness. Does being more like Jesus create more delight in your heart?

Applying the Word to Life

4. If you would ask others around you, would they describe you as someone who “demands service” or are you someone who has a servant heart? How can you serve someone today?
5. True humility is not thinking too highly or lowly of yourself. Do you have a healthy view of who you are in Christ? Or do you stretch the truth about your accomplishments? Or do you beat yourself up inside and don’t see your worth?
6. How will you show God this week that you believe the battle you are in is not yours alone to win? How can you trust God with a situation in your life that you have tried to control? How well can you discern the spirit realm around you?