

TODAY'S LESSON

“HOW JESUS OVERCAME THE LUST OF THE EYES”

(2 Cor. 4:16-18)

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Jesus, Our Savior, Lord, High Priest, Example, and Teacher

Jesus is our example of self-denial **Philippians 2:1-11**

He is God, was God, Creator, with the Father **John 1:1-3**

He became flesh **John 1:10-14**

He felt what we feel (hunger/thirst, weariness, survival, etc.)

He was tempted in all points just as we are **Heb. 4:15-16; 1 Corinthians 10:13**

He is our successful example of overcoming temptation

How He overcame is what we must learn from Him

Luke 4:1-13 narrative lines up with **1 John 2:16** & **Genesis 3:6**

1 John 2:16

For all that is in the world—

the **lust** of the **flesh**, (desiring what the body needs or wants)

the **lust** of the **eyes**, (desiring what the eyes see)

and the **pride** of **life**—(desire for significance in life)

is **not** of **the Father** but is of **the world**.

Genesis 3:6

So when the **woman** **saw** that **the tree** was

good for food,

that it was **pleasant** to **the eyes**,

and a **tree desirable to make one wise**,

she took of its fruit and **ate**. **She** also **gave to her husband with her**,
and **he ate**.

Luke 4:1-13

v.1-4 temptation to make stone into food the body needs

v.5-8 Satan **SHOWED** Jesus all the kingdoms of the world that Jesus could have if He would bow to the god of this world

v.9-12 temptation to test God's promise of His care and show the world that He is the Son of God

v.13 devil departed until an opportune time James 4:7

Luke 4:5-8

5 Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, **showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.** **6** And the devil said to Him, “**All this authority** I will give You, and **their glory**; for *this* has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. **7** Therefore, if You will worship before me, **all will be Yours.**”

8 And **Jesus answered and said to him,** “**It is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’**”

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THE LUST OF THE EYES
LUKE 4:5-8**

The Lust of the Eyes

Desiring what you see (**intensifies desire**) **within reach**

Can't be tempted by something undesirable

What did Satan offer to give **Jesus**? **What He desired**

No less than all the world's kingdoms & their "glory"

He **showed** not told Him all the kingdoms of this world

Satan is *the god of this world* **2 Corinthians 4:3**

What Jesus understood Deuteronomy 6:13 and Isaiah 40:15-17

Isaiah 40:15-17

15 Behold, the nations *are* as a drop in a bucket,
And are counted as the small dust on the scales;
Look, He lifts up the isles as a very little thing.

16 And Lebanon *is* not sufficient to burn, nor its
beasts sufficient for a burnt offering.

17 **All nations before Him are as nothing,**
And they are counted by Him **less than nothing**
and **worthless**.

The Lust of the Eyes

Genesis 13:10 not necessarily an evil sight

INTERNET/SMARTPHONE SCREEN WARNING:

Psalm 119:37 *Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things, revive me in Your way*

Proverbs 4:20-27

Prov. 6:23-26; 7:6-12

Prov. 23:5

Prov. 23:31-33

How Jesus Overcame the Lust of the Eyes

Luke 4:1-4

Jesus understood that glory without God is momentary v.8

Temporary vs. Eternal 2 Cor. 4:16-18; Heb. 11:25

Jesus had the word of God in His heart v.8; Psalm 119:11

Jesus foresaw the joy set before Him Heb. 12:2; John 12:31

Jesus knew that God would give Him all authority in heaven as well as on earth after dying on the cross Hebrews 5:7-9

Jesus knew that Gehenna is real Matt. 10:28; 2 Cor. 5:14

Jesus loved God, you, me, and us all more than Himself John 10:17-18; 1 John 3:16; John 3:16

Renewing The Inner Man By Putting Off the Lust of the Eyes

Matthew 4:1-11 Jesus overcame each temptation

Genesis 39:6-15 prey and predator reversed

Joshua 7:19-21 saw → coveted → took → hid

Job 31:1-4 make a covenant with your eyes

Matthew 5:27-30 lust of the eye → adultery in heart

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 focus on the unseen

Hebrews 11:24-27 example of 2 Cor. 4:18

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2 Corinthians 4:16–18 (NKJV)

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward *man* is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory, ¹⁸ while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen *are* temporary, but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.