

Sermon Notes: “There is just as much temptation in the shiny, good things as the evil things... Or, when good can be evil.” Luke 4:1-13

I. Three Temptations

- a. _____ is good for the Son of God, right?
- b. _____ the nations is good for the Son of God, right?
- c. _____ God’s promises, proving God’s Word is true,
is good for the Son of God, right?

II. Temptations are usually to be for “good” things, not overtly evil.

- a. The grass is always greener on the _____ side of the fence.
Desire not what God has given me already, but what I want.
- b. The devil disguises temptations and false teachings as honorable, godly, and good.

1 Corinthians 11:12-15 – *And what I am doing I will continue to do, in order to undermine the claim of those who would like to claim that in their boasted mission they work on the same terms as we do. For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.*

III. Sorting out the Fake Good in Temptations to God’s Truly Good

- a. The temptation to Adam and Eve, is used by the devil _____ and _____ and _____ again.

Genesis 3:4-6 *But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.*

- b. God Word’s is only source of absolute truth from God. Depend on it! It points out error and truth.

Psalm 119:105 *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*

- c. Pray for guidance of God’s will according to God’s _____. God WILL answer.
John 14:13-14 *Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.*