

“Use the Sword Against the Devil”

Matthew 4:1-11

1. Our Enemy has _____ against the people of GOD and against all humanity. His demonic army are all liars, _____ bullies, and assassins who want to hurt you, simply because _____.
2. In this invisible war, people unwittingly become casualties, become _____, become _____, and become KIA's. Since the Devil is a liar, he will even twist the _____ of Scripture to deceive us.
3. Yet our Commanding General, the LORD JESUS, has given us weapons that are divinely powerful for the _____ of strongholds (fortresses). 2 Cor. 10:4
 - A. Eph. 6:11 states that we are to take our _____ against the Devil's schemes. And we do this by taking up the Sword of the Spirit, which is the _____. GOD. 6:17
 - B. _____ used the Word of GOD against the Devil. **“It is written”**
4. GOD _____ tempts anyone with Evil. James 1:13 But our LORD _____ us to be tested/tempted ... in order to develop our _____ and strength. Everyone must undergo testing. It is actually _____ for you. A person cannot show true obedience, unless he had the _____ to disobey. Strong _____ only develop under strong pressure. **V.1**
5. Many people who love GOD abstain from food (fasting) ... before making critical _____, or to refocus their relationship with HIM, or to better _____ HIS Voice. Moses (Deut. 9:9), Elijah (1 Kings 19:8), and JESUS all fasted for 40 days.
6. Our Enemy assaults us at our _____ moments. H.A.L.T.S. is an acronym for _____, Angry, _____, Tired, and _____.
7. Satan's attack on JESUS was strategic. If JESUS had given in to any of these Temptations, HIS Mission on Earth to die as a _____ for our sins, would have been lost.
8. Did the Devil have the power to give JESUS the Kingdoms of the World?
 - A. _____. Satan was lying, knowing all the Earth was created by GOD and still belonged to HIM. John 8:44

B. _____. (maybe for a short time) Satan was given control of the Earth by Adam & Eve in the Garden. Temporarily he is the "god of this world;" holding the _____ on the planet. 2 Cor. 4:4 The Temptation had to be _____, or it would not have been a temptation.

9. Temptation itself is _____. When we give into to it and disobey GOD, it becomes Sin. Devil's temptation of JESUS came in three key areas: 1 John 2:16

Temptation	Legitimate Needs:	Weakness to Exploit:	JESUS' Answer:
#1 Make _____ V.3-4	Was _____ tired, empty	"Let your _____ drive you" (vs obedience to GOD) Wrong time, wrong way wrong person.	"Man does not live by bread _____ but by every Word from GOD. Deut.8:3 (Not taking orders from a twisted fallen angel. We _____ GOD and HE meets all our needs.
#2 Dare God to _____ you. V.5-7	Acceptance Recognition _____	"Take the _____ for yourself. Take life into your own hands. If you don't take care of _____ no one else will"	"Do not put the LORD your GOD to a Test" Deut. 6:16 Our Value comes from _____ HE says we are. (not from our performance or a _____)
#3 _____ Satan. V.6-10 He has always wanted to be worshipped, because he wants to _____.	To have a place of _____ "I will _____ you"	"Take the _____ I can make the pain go away. I have the _____ option"	"You shall worship the LORD and serve HIM only" Deut. 6:13 Our First Love belongs to the _____, not to anything created.

