

SERMON NOTES

Spiritual Authority — Restored in Christ

Enter-Trained: Overcoming the Pride of Life

The Purpose of the Local Church

The purpose of the local church is **not to ENTERTAIN people but to ENTER-TRAIN**.

- To **ENTER** people into the fullness of Christ
- To **TRAIN** people as warrior disciples

It is not just **are we coming to church**, but **are we BE-COMING the church as individuals**.

The Three Temptations of the World

1 John 2:15–16 (NKJV)

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. 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.

Jesus' Training in the Wilderness

Luke 4:1–2 (NKJV)

Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry.

Progression of Training (Discipleship)

- Jesus was **filled with the Holy Spirit** at baptism
- Jesus was **led by the Spirit**
- Jesus entered a season of **prayer, fasting, and testing**
- The purpose: **crucify the flesh and enforce dependency on God**

Lust of the Flesh — Being Led by Desire

Luke 4:3–4 (NKJV)

And the devil said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.” But Jesus answered him, saying, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.’ ”

- **Command** — to direct something with authority
- **Become (ginomai)** — change of being or development
- Lust of the flesh tempts us to be led by **wants, needs, and appetites**

Lust of the Eyes — Wanting What We Can See Now

Luke 4:5–8 (NKJV)

Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, “All this authority I will give You, and their glory... Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours.” And Jesus answered and said to him, “Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’ ”

- Lust of the eyes tempts us to **exchange waiting on God for immediate reward**
- Jesus commanded the enemy to **get behind Him** and moved forward

Pride of Life — Independence from God

Luke 4:9–11 (NKJV)

Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here...”

- Pride of life focuses on **self instead of God**
- It pressures us to **perform, prove, and direct God**
- Satan questioned Jesus' **identity and source**

Who Jesus Is — Begotten, Not Made

John 1:18 (NKJV)

No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.

- **Begotten (monogenēs)** — from the Father, one of a kind
- Jesus reveals the **essence of the Father**

John 15:5 (NKJV)

“I am the vine, you are the branches... for without Me you can do nothing.”

John 1:1–2 (NKJV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Do Not Tempt the Lord

Deuteronomy 6:16 (NKJV)

You shall not tempt the LORD your God as you tempted Him in Massah.

- **Tempt (ekpeirazō)** — to test God’s character based on our preference
- Pride of life says: “*I decide — God bless it.*”

Provider vs Provision

Luke 18:24–25 (NKJV)

“How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

- When we believe we can supply our own needs, we stop depending on God
- God desires us to pursue **Him**, not just what He gives

Understanding God’s Timing

Two Greek words for time:

- **Chronos** — quantitative time (minutes, hours, days)
- **Kairos** — qualitative time

Kairos

- A strategic or appointed moment
- A time of opportunity and decision
- Measures **importance**, not duration
