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**“Are You Giving Up Chocolate For Valentine’s Day?”**

**(Luke 4: 1-13)**

We all know what it is to be \_\_\_\_\_, don’t we?

To a fish, life is about the maximum gratification of \_\_\_\_\_ at the minimum expenditure of \_\_\_\_\_.

We could learn from our Master about \_\_\_\_\_ -- for even he was tempted.

Our lesson from Luke tells the story. Interestingly, it occurs right after Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_.

Sometimes it is when we feel \_\_\_\_\_ to God that the tempter seems most determined to undermine us.

Some have said that this was a test to prove that Christ was who he said he was – the sinless \_\_\_\_\_ of God!

The temptations Jesus faced weren’t designed to see if Christ would \_\_\_\_\_, but to prove that he \_\_\_\_\_.

In this test the Spirit may have been showing us that Jesus was both \_\_\_\_\_ and, at the same time, able to \_\_\_\_\_ sin.

**1.- The first temptation Jesus faced was to give in to his \_\_\_\_\_ needs.**

Quoting from Moses, reminding the people that God provided the manna to sustain them in the wilderness as a test of \_\_\_\_\_.

They had to believe that God’s promise was \_\_\_\_\_!

It’s the same test we face from time to time. Life suddenly gets \_\_\_\_\_. Do we \_\_\_\_\_ God or not?

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**2.- The 2<sup>nd</sup> temptation is the temptation to seek after \_\_\_\_\_ power and glory.**

In other words, you aren’t to worship \_\_\_\_\_, but you’re also not to worship your own \_\_\_\_\_ desires!

Jesus’ words “*You shall worship God only and him only shall you serve*” is the call for **us** to realize that God must take \_\_\_\_\_ place in our lives!

Any obsession that captures the most of our \_\_\_\_\_ and attention can become an \_\_\_\_\_!

We live in a time of easy rationalizations when our \_\_\_\_\_ to God has become watered down to a mere nod in God’s \_\_\_\_\_!

**3.- The third temptation was for Jesus to take an \_\_\_\_\_ way to accomplish his mission and thus avoid the \_\_\_\_\_.**

Satan is a master at quoting \_\_\_\_\_, almost as good at it as Jesus.

Jesus knew his \_\_\_\_\_; that he had come as the \_\_\_\_\_ servant.

If you do not believe God is with you, you will not \_\_\_\_\_ up to life’s greatest \_\_\_\_\_!

All of us are continually being \_\_\_\_\_.

The message of Christ’s test in the wilderness is that temptation can be \_\_\_\_\_!

It can be resisted by refusing to take the \_\_\_\_\_ way, but by seeking to \_\_\_\_\_ the honorable way, God’s way!

By His \_\_\_\_\_, and His Spirit, we can grow \_\_\_\_\_ as we face the tests that come to us in our daily lives!