

“Stones to Bread”

Luke 4:1-4
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Introduction

- All time, most tempting “junk foods”
- Tempted differently, and yet the same

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A. General Areas of Temptation -- 1 John 2:15-17

1. The *“Lusts of the Flesh”*
2. The *“lusts of the eyes”*
3. The *“Pride of Life”*
4. Illustration: Temptation of Eve -- Genesis 3

B. *“Stones to Bread”*-- Luke 4:1-4

1. Temptation with **“Self-Actualization”**
 - a. Satan is not doubting Jesus’ identity as God’s Son
 - b. Not Jesus’ attempt to prove his messiah-ship
 - c. But self-actualization: *“If you can do it, then do it!”*
2. Temptation with **“Self-Gratification”**
 - a. Jesus had a legitimate physical need
 - b. We all have legitimate physical needs
 - c. Temptation is
 - 1) To employ non-sanctioned means of fulfilling need
 - 2) To morph “needs” into “wants” and then “demands”
 - 3) Own pleasure takes precedence over obeying God
3. Temptation with **“Self-Preservation”**
 - a. Starvation beginning at 40 days
 - b. *“A man will give all that he has for his own life”*
4. Temptation with **“Self-Autonomy”**
 - a. Jesus’ use of Deuteronomy 8:3
 - b. Our adversary says that *“man lives by bread alone”*
 - c. Temptation-- Our will takes precedence over God’s
 - d. Jesus’ food-- *“To do the will of him who sent me”*
 - e. Our call to “self-denial”-- Matt 16:24-25; 6:33