

“The Pride of Life”

Luke 4:9-12

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Introduction

- Tiger Woods’ fall from the “pedestal”
- Jesus Christ on the “pedestal”
 - Successfully resists the “lust of the flesh”
 - Successfully handles the “lust of the eyes”
 - How does Jesus deal with the “pride of life”?

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A. What is the “Pride of Life”?

1. **Definition**-- Pride in accomplishments; an inflated view of oneself
2. **Biblical Examples**
 - a. Nebuchadnezzar-- Daniel 4:30
 - b. David-- 2 Samuel 24
 - c. Hezekiah-- 2 Kings 20
 - d. Uzziah-- 2 Chronicles 26
 - e. Herod—Acts 12
3. **Characteristics** of someone full of the “pride of life”
 - a. Think they are special and deserve special treatment.
 - b. Others serve them.
 - c. Think they are “Above the law”

B. How Jesus handles the temptation of the “Pride of Life”

1. **The Nature of the Temptation**-- Luke 4:9-11
 - a. Begins with reminding Jesus how special He is.
 - b. Since you are God’s Son, do something spectacular which the Jews are expecting their Messiah to do-- Malachi 3:1
 - c. Since you are special, God will not let harm come! Psa. 91
 - d. So, go ahead -- take that “leap of faith”
2. **An Analysis of the Temptation**
 - a. The Promises of God are subject to the Will of God
 - 1) Satan’s flawed use of Scripture
 - a) Misquotes -- omits four words “in all your ways”
 - b) Out of context-- fails to see the whole counsel of God
 - 2) God’s promises are in line with God’s plans
 - b. The “leap of faith” is actually a “lunge of unbelief”-- Luke 4:12
 - 1) Jesus’ quote of Deuteronomy 6:16 (Massah)-- Exodus 17
 - 2) Putting God to the test means that we lack confidence in God
 - 3) Putting God to the test puts us in a superior position and makes God our servant to do our will.