

The Dangers of Passivity Towards Sin (Part 2)  
Genesis 3:1-7; 1 John 2:15-17; Matthew 4:1-11

*“And this is the judgment: the light (Christ) has come into the world, and people loved the darkness (spiritual darkness; worldliness; sin; cf. 2 Corinthians 4:4-6) rather than the light (Christ) because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light (Christ) and does not come to the light (Christ), lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light (Christ) so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God” (John 3:19-21). “God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin” (1 John 1:5-7).*

- Tactics of Satan: Satan wants to tempt us to make life about us. To make our suffering about us. To make our successes about us. To make our Church about us. To make Christianity about us. He wants us to identify with the world, our preferences, our sin, and our suffering and never to identify with Christ and His strength, grace, perseverance, and love.

*“Do not love the world or the things in the world (what the world lives for and how the world thinks, acts, and reacts; cf. Galatians 6:14). If anyone loves the world (Matthew 6:24), the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world — the desires of the flesh (physical desires met without submission to God) and the desires of the eyes (desiring to have something that God forbids or isn’t yours; a lack of contentment in Christ; covetousness) and pride of life (taking God’s glory or taking God’s credit or praise; wanting flattery and applause; desiring to dethrone God as Lord of your life) — is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever” (1 John 2:15-17).*

- Tactics of Satan: Genesis 3:1-7 — Doing the will of God brings strength, life, and purpose (Genesis 2:16-17). Our love and commitment to God must be tested for it to prove to be sincere and to mature (1 Peter 1:7; 1 Corinthians 10:12-13). In testing we either have victory and grow stronger or we are tempted and give in to sin (James 1:12-15). But even in our sinning God offers grace and mercy in repentance (Romans 8:28; 1 John 1:8-10).
  - (v.1) Satan is sent to test Adam and Eve; (v.2-5) Satan goes to Eve:
    - 1) To tempt her to question and doubt God’s Word.
    - 2) To tempt her to question and doubt God’s goodness.
    - 3) To tempt her to doubt God’s trustworthiness.
    - 4) To use her as a tool to tempt Adam.
  - (v.6) The tree was good for food (a desire of the flesh). The tree was a delight to her eyes (the desire of the eyes). The tree was able to make one “wise” (the pride of life).
  - (v.7-8) They made themselves loincloths and hid from the presence of the Lord. *“For although they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks to Him, but they became futile in their thinking and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise they became fools....” (Romans 1:21-22).*
- Tactics of Satan: Matthew 4:1-11 — Adam lost to Satan despite being in the perfect situation. Jesus perfectly had victory over Satan in a terribly awful situation (in the wilderness, after fasting for forty days). Because of Jesus’ victory we can successfully resist Satan: *“Submit yourselves to God, resist the devil, and he will flee from you” (James 4:7).* (continued →)

**Worship:** Bless the Lord, O My Soul (Psalm 103) (By: Sovereign Grace Music)

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery (By: Matt Boswell) Lord From Sorrows Deep I Call (By: Matt Boswell & Matt Papa)

**Closing Song:** Crown Him (By: Citizens)

**Service Times:** Sundays: Revelation Class 4/Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

- (v.1) Satan is sent to test Jesus; (v.2-4) Satan goes to Jesus and tempts Him to turn the stones into bread. This was a temptation to give into a desire of the flesh. The temptation was: don't submit to God's Will to fast, use Your power to satisfy this fleshly desire; (v.5-7) Satan tempted Jesus to presume on God's promises by putting Himself in needless danger. This was a temptation in the pride of life. We do this every time we are passive about our sin; (v.8-10) Satan tempted Jesus to inherit the kingdoms of this world without suffering or submission to God. This was a temptation to the desires of the eyes. Satan tempts us to expedite pleasure by sinning over self-denial.
- How did Jesus resist temptation?
  - Prioritizing spiritual health: *"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God"* (v.4).
  - Repenting of our sin and waging war against our sin: *"You shall not put the Lord your God to the test"* (v.7).
  - Striving for holiness: *"You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve"* (v.10).
    - In all of this, use the Word of God!!! When we submit to God's Word and trust in God's strength we can say to Satan: "Be gone!"
- Tactics of Satan: Satan wants to cut off our dependence on God, our duty towards God, and our enjoyment and communion with God. Satan wants us to doubt our sonship and disbelieve that hardships and restrictions could come from a loving Father.

Account Balance: \$32,154.88 March Balance: \$35,319.76	Weekly Budget: \$3,157
Total Giving: April 3	\$4,232
Total Giving: April 10	\$2,338
Total Giving: April 17	\$1,780
Total Giving: April 24	\$605

**Announcements:**

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of May we are collecting donations for Vertical 196. They are in need of Men's Medium & Large Boxer Briefs, Women's Size 5-6 Panties, Individually wrapped snack cakes and cookies, Single serve applesauce cups, fruit cups, pudding cups, Slim Jims, Combination Bike locks, Razors, Dog/Cat food, Fuel only Gift Cards, Coffee, and Mens short/ankle socks. There is a tote in front of the back table to put your donations in.

★**LADIES SPRING BRUNCH:** *Attention ladies!!* We are having a Spring Brunch THIS Saturday, May 7th, at 10am, at Jen Kasson's house (4390 Canyon Road, Granville). There is a sign-up list on the back table, ladies, please plan on attending and please sign-up to bring something to the brunch!

★**MOTHER'S DAY:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner NEXT Sunday, May 8th, for Mother's Day, immediately following the worship service. The men of our church body will be taking care of making the food, setting up, and cleaning up for the Mother's Day Fellowship Dinner. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to invite your mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, or a special lady in your life to join us for the service and Fellowship Dinner next Sunday. **MEN**, there is a sign-up list on the back table, please sign-up to bring a food item to the dinner.

★**NEW MEMBERS MEETING:** If you are interested in or have any questions about church membership, we will be having a New Members Meeting on Sunday, May 29th, immediately following the worship service.