



# TEMPTATION

CURBING YOUR APPETITES

LUKE 4:2B-4

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**2b** And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. **3** The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." **4** And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'" (ESV)

**1. Expect** \_\_\_\_\_ (v.2b)

**2. Beware** \_\_\_\_\_ (v.3)

**3.** \_\_\_\_\_ (v.4)

# Application Questions

*These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.*

1. Read **Matthew 7:16-20**, **Ezekiel 36:26-29** and **2 Corinthians 5:17**. What is the problem with attempting to incorporate the principles presented in this sermon series on temptation while refusing to become a Christian?
2. Read **Matthew 6:25-34**. What are some of the practical challenges we Christians face in obeying the directives in this teaching of Christ?
3. Read **Romans 15:4-5**. Describe some of the specific ways your interface with the Bible has provided you endurance, encouragement, or hope when your desires are not immediately satisfied?
4. Read **Philippians 4:4-9**. What specific adjustments need to be made in your prayer life and the focus of your thoughts based on this passage?

## **The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:**

Go to [ESV.org](http://ESV.org) (Reading Plans: Through the Bible) for schedule prompts.

### **April 14<sup>th</sup>**

*1Sam.15-16 & Lk.14:25-35*

### **April 15<sup>th</sup>**

*1Sam.17-18 & Lk.15:1-10*

### **April 16<sup>th</sup>**

*1Sam.19-21 & Lk.15:11-32*

### **April 17<sup>th</sup>**

*1Sam.22-24 & Lk.16:1-18*

### **April 18<sup>th</sup>**

*1Sam.25-26 & Lk.16:19-31*

### **April 19<sup>th</sup>**

*1Sam.27-29 & Lk.17:1-19*

### **April 20<sup>th</sup>**

*1Sam.30-31 & Lk.17:20-37*

### **April 21<sup>st</sup>**

*2Sam.1-3 & Lk.18:1-17*

*The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website ([FocalPointMinistries.org](http://FocalPointMinistries.org)).*

Msg. # 12-20 – **When Nothing Seems Fair**

Msg. # 10-17 – **Discovering the Patience of Christian Hope**

Msg. # 07-18 – **Trusting God When Hope Seems Lost**

Msg. # 07-34 – **Purity Instead of Promiscuity**

Msg. # 07-35 – **Contentment Instead of Materialism**

*Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.*

Alcorn, Randy. **Christians in the Wake of the Sexual Revolution: Recovering Our Sanity**. Multnomah Press, 1985.

Blomberg, Craig L. **Neither Poverty nor Riches: A Biblical Theology of Possessions**. InterVarsity Press, 1999.

Burroughs, Jeremiah. **The Rare Jewel of Christian Contentment**. Reprint. Banner of Truth, 1981.

Carson, D. A. **How Long O Lord? Reflections on Suffering & Evil**. Baker Books, 1990.

Carty, Jay. **Counter Attack: Taking Back Ground Lost to Sin**. Third Edition. Yes Ministries, 1988.

Correa, Jesus and Doris Santiago. **A Hard Choice: Sexual Abstinence in an Out of Control World**. Hensley, 2002.

Daniels, Robert. **The War Within: Gaining Victory in the Battle for Sexual Purity**. Crossway Books, 1997.

Getz, Gene. **Real Prosperity: Biblical Principles of Material Possessions**. Moody Press, 1990.

Hillerstrom P. Roger. **Intimate Deception: Escaping the Trap of Sexual Impurity**. Multnomah Press, 1989.

Love, Christopher. **The Mortified Christian**. Reprint. Soli Deo Gloria Publications, 1998.

Lutzer, Erwin. **Living With Your Passions**. Victor Books, 1983.

Mack, Wayne A. **It's Not Fair! Finding Hope When Times are Tough**. P & R Publishing, 2008.

Stanley, Lynn. **The Fruit of the Spirit is Patience**. Focus Publishing, 1999.

Swindoll, Charles. **Hope Again**. Word Publishing, 1996.

Welch, Ed. **Eating Disorders: The Quest for Thinness**. New Growth Press, 2008.