



TEMPTATION

MANAGING YOUR AMBITIONS

LUKE 4:5-8

Dr. Mike Fabarez • Focal Point Radio Ministries • April 20 & 21, 2013 • Gospel of Luke, week 20 • Msg. # 13-13

5 And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, **6** and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. **7** If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." **8** And Jesus answered him, "It is written, " 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.' " (ESV)

1. Seek _____ (vv.5-6)

2. Seek _____ (v.7)

3. Seek _____ (v.8)

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 23:11-12**. Explain how this paradoxical statement of Christ summarizes the gist of this weekend's sermon. Describe the right and wrong kind of greatness.
2. Read **Hebrews 11:6** and **11:24-26**. How do this principle and this example from Moses' life motivate you to say "no" to temptation, with an accompanying desire for something better?
3. Read **Revelation 4:9-11**. How do passages like this keep your ambitions in check?
4. Read **1 Samuel 15:19-24**. As an Old Testament king, Saul faced a particular set of temptations to compromise. Given your situation in life, what are some of yours?

The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:

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

April 21st

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

April 22nd

2Sam.4-6 & Lk.18:18-43

April 23rd

2Sam.7-9 & Lk.19:1-28

April 24th

2Sam.10-12 & Lk.19:29-48

April 25th

2Sam.13-14 & Lk.20:1-26

April 26th

2Sam.15-16 & Lk.20:27-47

April 27th

2Sam.17-18 & Lk.21:1-19

April 28th

2Sam.19-20 & Lk.21:20-38

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

Msg. # 07-23 – **Attempting Great Things for God**

Msg. # 12-34 – **Mary: God's Humble Teenager**

Msg. # 11-03 – **Sold-Out Servants: Serving without Pride**

Msg. # 07-05 – **Motivated by Christ's Rewards at His Return**

Msg. # 07-09 – **Living Life with the Hope of a New Purpose**

Msg. # 0131 - 0134 – **Taking Christ to Work** (a four-part series on vocation)

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.

Adams, Jay. **The Biblical View of Self-Esteem, Self-Love & Self-Image**. Harvest House, 1986.

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

Bunyan, John. **A Treatise of The Fear of God**. Reprint. CreateSpace, 2011.

Frank, Arnold L. **The Fear of God: A Forgotten Doctrine**. Second Edition. Nordskog Publishing, 2008.

Gruen Wayne. **Business for the Glory of God: The Bible on the Moral Goodness of Business**. Crossway, 2003.

Kroll, Woodrow. **Struggling with Selfishness: Choosing to Look Past Yourself**. Back to the Bible, 1996.

Lewis, C.S. **The Screwtape Letters**. Barbour Publishing, 1990.

_____. "The Weight of Glory" in **The Weight of Glory**. Reprint. HarperOne, 2001.

MacArthur, John. **Twelve Ordinary Men: How the Master Shaped His Disciples for Greatness**. Thomas Nelson, 2002.

Mack, Wayne A. **Humility: The Forgotten Virtue**. P & R Publishing, 2005.

Scott, Stuart. **From Pride to Humility: A Biblical Perspective**. Focus Publishers, 2003.

Sherman, Doug and William Hendricks. **Your Work Matters to God**. NavPress, 1987.

Stowell, Joseph. **Perilous Pursuits: Our Obsession with Significance**. Moody Press, 1994.

Swindoll, Charles. **Improving Your Serve: The Art of Unselfish Living**. Thomas Nelson, 1990.

Wiersbe, Warren. **Living with the Giants: The Lives of Great Men of the Faith**. Baker Books, 1993.