

Blindspot, Part 2

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Greetings Everyone! Before we jump into Part 2 of our “Blindspot” series this morning, I want to very quickly tell you a story I recently read about a young boy who went shopping for groceries with his mom. While they were shopping, the boy had wandered off and somehow miraculously ended up in the sweets & treats section standing near what appeared to be an opened package of peanut butter cookies.

“Excuse me, young man,” said a Grocer working nearby, startling the boy as he approached. “What are you up to?”

“Ummm, nothing,” replied the boy.

“Nothing? Are you sure?” asked the Grocer. “Because it kind of looks to me like maybe you were TRYING TO TAKE a few cookies.”

“NO SIR, Mister, YOU'RE WRONG, I'M TRYING NOT TO!”

Controlling Your Desires Can Keep Your Desires From Controlling You!

Temptations Are Tools That Satan Has Weaponized To Target And Taint Unmanaged Desires. Corrupted Desires Produce Compromised Christians.

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NIV): *“No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful, he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.”*

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Temptation: Is the desire to do something, especially something wrong or unwise.

In our series we are Elevating our Perspectives with the Word and Wind of God.

Seeing What God Sees

What We Can't See CAN Kill Us... It's Called a Blindspot!

Last week we tackled Trials & Troubles. This week if you haven't already,

“Temptations.”

Temptation is Very Pricey—it costs you Nothing up front and Everything later.
It's Short Term Pleasures Sprinkled With Long Term Pain

I've learned that Everyone battles temptation because Everyone has desires. Your desires are targeted by the enemy to weaken your position in Christ. It's not unscriptural to have battles, barriers and temptations. What is unscriptural is to allow them to bully you, beat you or bother you.

Romans 8:37 (NLT): *“No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.”*

Jesus Was Troubled, Tempted and Tested! *“But Be of Good Cheer—I Have Overcome the World.”* (John 16:33, KJV). As Christians we learn from the life of Christ & our life in Christ. We are just like Christ and have the Spirit of God in us to help us in our weakness. We also are just like Christ and have the Spirit with us to lead us.

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Three Potential Blindspots Regarding Temptation: Highpoints, major events, big moves. First chapter of life, birth to baptism. The sky cracks open, the Voice of God and Spirit came. **Weak points, wilderness, weary.** Matthew 4:2, Jesus became very hungry. From the water to the desert. **Waypoints, opportunities, platforms.** Promised to give the glory for his worship.

Matthew 4:1-11 (NLT): *“Then Jesus was **led by the Spirit** into the wilderness **to be tempted there** by the devil. For forty days and forty nights **he fasted** and became very hungry. (3) **During that time the devil came** and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread.' But Jesus told him, 'No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' (5) **Then the devil took him** to the holy city, Jerusalem, **to the highest point of the Temple**, and said, 'If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say, 'He will order his angels to protect you. And they will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.' Jesus responded, 'The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the Lord your God.' (8) **Next, the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain** and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 'I will give it all to you,' he said, 'if you will kneel down and worship me.' '**Get out of here, Satan,**' Jesus told him. 'For the Scriptures say, 'You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.' Then the devil went away & angels came and took care of Jesus.'”*

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Three Keys to Overcoming Temptation and the Devil:

Know the Scriptures, when you know the truth, you can recognize lies.

Weaponize the Word, it's a Sword and Powerful weapon.

Obedience to the Word & the Spirit—Saturation.

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