

Long Story Short, Journey Through the Old Testament

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Message 8

How not to give into the enemy's temptation!

1) Keep your focus in the right place

Don't focus on trying to avoid the enemy, focus on Jesus!

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.

James 4:7

2) Keep an eternal perspective

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.
Colossians 3:1-4

3) Know your weakness

But each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. ¹⁵Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.
James 1:14-15

4) Commit focused, uninterrupted time with the Lord

And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.
Mark 1:35

5) Memorize scripture

I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. Psalm 119:11

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Joshua 1:8

6) Become a person of prayer

The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. James 5:16b

7) Seek accountability

Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: ¹⁰If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.
Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

8) Remember God's grace

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Romans 8:1