

Sunday, November 24, 2024

1 Timothy 4:13, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.”

Title: Three Helps Empowering the Holy Spirit

Series: Life in the Spirit ... 5

Text: Matthew 4:1 - 11

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation about THREE PERSONAL dispositions (quality of mind and character, habits that we are able to develop) that can aid or assist each believer in becoming more open to the daily ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Introduction:

Last week’s devotional we considered ‘Three Hinderances Against the Holy Spirit:’

~ 1) Be Aware of CARNALITY; 2) Be Aware of GRIEVING the Holy Spirit; 3) Be Aware of QUENCHING the Holy Spirit

~ This week I would like us to consider three character quality habits (that which we are able to develop) that aid a believer in being open to the work of the Holy Spirit.

~ Our primary text is Matthew 4:1 – 11 which records the temptation or testing of our Lord Jesus Christ by the “devil.”

~ 1 Peter 4:12, “Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.” James 1:2 – 4, “Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, (3) for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. (4) And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete lacking in nothing.”

~ How the “devil” will try to get us to question our new identity, “if you are.” Failing that he will attempt to divert our worship, “if you will fall down and worship me.”

1. God Says – Not Live by Bread Alone:

~ Matthew 4:1 – 4

~ John 1:1, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”

Each use of the “Word” in this text is the Greek word logos (G3056)

~ vs. 4, “Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word (rhema G4487) that comes from the mouth of God.”

~ Mark 7:13, “thus making void the word (logos) of God by your traditions that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

~ Luke 1:38, “And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord, let it be to me according to your word (rhema).” And the angel departed from her.””

~ Thank you Brother Brown – Isaiah 54:2, “Enlarge the place of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitation be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes.”

~ Practice SOAP – Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer

2. God Says – Do Not Put Your God to the Test:

~ Matthew 4:5 - 7

~ vs. 7, “Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

~ 2 Corinthians 5:6 – 7, “So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, (7) for we walk by faith, not by sight.”

~ In the temptation Christ Jesus did not permit FAITH to become presumption.

~ The case of Judas, Matthew 27:1 – 5.

~ Matthew 16:1 – 4

3. God Says – Worship The Lord Your God:

~ Matthew 4:8 – 11

~ Matthew 4:10, “Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.’”

~ Daniel 3:1 – 28; in particular vs. 17 – 18, “If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. (18) But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods of worship the golden image that you have set up.”

~ James 4:7, “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

~ Hebrews 1:14, “Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?” see Hebrews 13:2

Conclusion:

John 2:5, “His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.”

Hymn: Trust and Obey