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# Walking In The Spirit, Part V (Overcoming The Eyes)

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## The Walk of Holiness

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***Sermon: The Walk of Holiness: Walking In The Spirit, Part V (Overcoming The Eyes)***

***Lesson Text***

Luke 4:1–13 (AV)<sup>1</sup> And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered. <sup>3</sup> And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread. <sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered him, saying, **It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.** <sup>5</sup> And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. <sup>6</sup> And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. <sup>7</sup> If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. <sup>8</sup> And Jesus answered and said unto him, **Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.** <sup>9</sup> And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence: <sup>10</sup> For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee: <sup>11</sup> And in *their* hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. <sup>12</sup> And Jesus answering said unto him, **It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.** <sup>13</sup> And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.

***Introduction***

In 1 John 2:16-17, we learn that Satan is just a “Three Trick Pony” in his attacks against us:

- Lust of the Flesh (Sins Against the Body) – Galatians 5:19
- Lust of the Eye (Sins Against God) – Galatians 5:20
- Pride of Life (Sins Against Each Other) – Galatians 5:20-21

And according Hebrew 4:15, we know that our Lord and Savior has already defeated them all!

Hebrews 4:15 (AV)<sup>15</sup> For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are*, yet without sin.

Last week we learned how to Overcome the First Trick of the Enemy, The Lusts of Flesh: We must Resist the Flesh, Flee the Flesh, and Defeat the Flesh.

Let’s now deal with Satan’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Trick: The Lust of the Eye.

Galatians 5: <sup>20</sup> Idolatry, witchcraft, ...

These are Sins against God! Idolatry places people or things above God. Witchcraft allows people or things to control us against the Will of God.

The first commandment God gave us was Exodus 20:3 (AV)<sup>3</sup> Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

What Jesus teaches us in our main lesson text is how the enemy uses the Lust of Eye against us.

Luke 4:<sup>5</sup> And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. <sup>6</sup> And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.

This trick targets the Window to the Soul, our Eyes; and the Heart of the Soul, our Desires!

You see something, you think about it (thoughts). You think about it, you desire it (emotions). You desire it, you go get it (actions).

To Walk in the Spirit, we must learn from Jesus how to overcome this trick of the enemy!

***Series and Sermon: The Walk of Holiness: Walking In The Spirit, Part V (Overcoming The Eyes)***

“Change What You See, Change What You Desire, Change What You Worship”

### ***I. Change What You See (Faith)***

Luke 4:5 (AV) <sup>5</sup> And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

The first key to overcoming your eyes is to change what your eyes see!

Ephesians 2:2 (AV)<sup>2</sup> Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

The Prince of the Power of the Air is the devil who dominates and administers the corrupt power of unholy spirits (principalities, powers, rulers of darkness, spiritual wickedness).

Notice the symbolism of the “The Power of the Air!” Air represents distribution and intake.

- Air Distribution – Spreading Lusts and Sin through the Air or Media Airwaves. Every day our eyes are being bombarded with visually and subliminally (conscious and concealed) images that feed our Lust of the Eyes
- Air Intake – Air is what we breathe in order to live; but if the air is polluted with a virus, the very thing designed to give life can kill us. And so, what we take into the Window of the Soul, if polluted, can kill us.

**We need a Spiritual Air Filter to filter out what our eyes see: FAITH!**

2 Corinthians 5:7 (AV)<sup>7</sup> (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

Sometimes in order to filter what your eyes see, you have to spiritually pluck them out.

Mark 9:47 (AV)<sup>47</sup> **And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire:**

This sounds like foolishness, but it is through this foolishness that we are saved!

1 Corinthians 1:18 (AV)<sup>18</sup> For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:21 (AV)<sup>21</sup> For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

Romans 10:17 (AV)<sup>17</sup> So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

## ***II. Change What You Desire (Affections)***

Luke 4:6 (AV)<sup>6</sup> And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.

The next key to overcoming your eyes is to change what your eyes desire!

How many of you are familiar with impulse buying? It is based on the marketing strategy of placing things in your line of sight, at eye level while you are shopping or about to check out.

You didn't go there for it, but they created a desire, and impulsively you bought it! You didn't need it, you weren't hungry, but they created a desire.

This is why I don't go window shopping, why I don't watch QVC, why I put my TV programs on DVR so I can fast forward through the commercials.

Some of us need to put our lives on DVR so we can fast forward past the "Three Trick Pony!"

### **We need a Spiritual Fast Forward Button to Set Our Affections back on God!**

Colossians 3:1–2 (AV)<sup>1</sup> If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

Stop looking at what the devil is showing you, and start looking at what God is doing for you.

1 Corinthians 2:9 (AV)<sup>9</sup> But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

Fast forward to what God said, fast forward to what God promised, fast forward to your healing, your deliverance, your breakthrough, your prosperity, your victory!

## ***III. Change What You Worship (Devotion)***

Luke 4:7-8 (AV)<sup>7</sup> If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. <sup>8</sup> And Jesus answered and said unto him, **Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.**

The final key to overcoming your eyes is to change what your eyes worship

- We change what we see by walking by faith and not by sight
- We change what we desire by setting our affection on things above
- We change what we worship by seeking God first

Satan wants us to believe that what we need, he has it in the world. So, he constantly shows us what's in the world. He creates in us a desire for the World.

1 John 2:16–17 (AV)<sup>16</sup> For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. <sup>17</sup> And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

And too many sell their soul in order to get it, but it is not of God.

Mark 8:36 (AV)<sup>36</sup> **For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?**

**We need a Spiritual One-Track Mind to devote our lives to Worshiping God**

Luke 4:8 (AV) <sup>8</sup> And Jesus answered and said unto him, **Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.**

Matthew 6:33 (AV)<sup>33</sup> **But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.**

Proverbs 3:5–6 (AV)<sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. <sup>6</sup> In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

**Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: Walking In The Spirit, Part V (Overcoming The Eyes))**

**Lesson Text**

- Luke 4:1-13, Galatians 5:16–21, 1 John 2:16–17

**Sermon Outline (Notes)**

**I. *Change What You See***

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**II. *Change What You Desire***

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**III. *Change What You Worship***

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**Questions (What was your main takeaway from Sunday’s Sermon?)**

**I. Getting to Know “Me”**

1. What is one thing you like to do when you have free time?
2. What is one favorite activity from childhood you wished you could do now?

**II. Into the Bible**

1. In the sermon text, (Luke 4:1-13), Jesus was tempted by Satan in the wilderness. Towards the end of this experience is when Jesus tells Satan, “It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.” Discuss why Jesus waited until the end of the temptation to let the devil know that he should “not tempt the Lord thy God”.
2. Jesus tells Satan himself to “get thee behind me”, (Luke 4:8), and Jesus also tells Simon Peter to “get thee behind me Satan”, (Matthew 16:23). How does a believer put Satan behind them? Will Satan remain behind the believer? Use scriptural support.

**III. Life Application**

1. In this week’s sermon, we learned that setting our affections on things above is an intentional and repetitive act. What actions do you take to re-set your focus on what God is saying, doing or has promised?
2. Role Play Possibility! A new believer has asked you to provide him or her with some scriptures that teach that God is worthy of worship. What will you share with him or her?