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¹Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.” ⁴Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Matthew 4:1-11 (NIV)

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶“If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written: “He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.” ⁷Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Matthew 4:1-11 (NIV)

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹“All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.” ¹⁰Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: “Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.”” ¹¹Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Matthew 4:1-11 (NIV)

Jesus Was Led By The Spirit Into Temptations For Two Reasons:

1. To win the battle against Satan for us.
2. To show us how to be Victorious!

Temptations are Satanic devices designed to
Deceive, Discourage, and Defeat us *Spiritually*.

Just Because You Have The Appetite And Ability To Do Something Doesn't Mean You Should Indulge Yourself

The tempter came to him and said, **“If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”**
Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Matthew 4:3-4 (NIV)

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Key Deception: The Father Does Not Love You Enough To Provide, So You Should Provide For Yourself.

**Just Because You Have The Privilege To Do
Something, Doesn't Mean You Should Abuse It**

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Matthew 4:6-7 (NIV)

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Key Deception: Use Your Privilege To Serve
Yourself.

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"Everything is **permissible** for me," **but not everything is helpful.** "Everything is permissible for me," but I will not be brought under the control of anything.

1 Corinthians 6:12



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Just Because You Have An Offer To Do Something, Doesn't Mean You Should Take It

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Matthew 4:8-10 (NIV)

**Just Because You Have An Offer To Do
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Key Deception: Satan's Offer Today Is Better Than
God's Promise For The Future

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Treasures gained by wickedness do not profit, but
righteousness delivers from death.

Proverbs 10:2 (ESV)

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For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, **but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet he did not sin.**

Hebrews 4:15 (NIV)