



**When is Satan most likely to tempt you?**

**When you're already doing his bidding...on your own?**

**When you're pursuing higher spiritual goals?**

“Significantly, testing comes to us at our points of power or ability, urging us to use those powers for our own self-aggrandizement.”

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**Luke 4:1-13 NIV**

- (1) *Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,*
- (2) *where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.*
- (3) *The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."*
- (4) *Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'"*
- (5) *The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.*
- (6) *And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to.*
- (7) *If you worship me, it will all be yours."*
- (8) *Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"*
- (9) *The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here.*
- (10) *For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully;*
- (11) *they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"*
- (12) *Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"*
- (13) *When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.*

**1. Satan focuses on our mission, not our mess.**

Jesus fasting and praying into his Messianic Calling

**2. Satan specializes in subtle misdirection.**

Jesus recognized the little sins that would result in huge losses.

**3. Satan's primary goal is to neutralize our God-Given role.**

Temptations come to erode our ministry and calling.

## **The power of the spoken word of God -**

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

**Revelation 12:11**, *“They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.”*