

Sermon February 18, 2018

Temptation and How to Defeat It

1. If you had a clock in heaven keeping track of your sins, would it be ...
 - a. Running slow
 - b. Running about as fast as everyone else's clock
 - c. Running overtime

Temptation + Opportunity = _____

2. On the First Sunday in Lent the Gospel is always the story of the Temptation of Christ from one of the Gospels. This year the account of the Temptation comes from the Gospel of Mark. What characterizes Mark's account?
 - a. It's short
 - b. It's powerful
 - c. It uses the word "Schizo"
 - d. All of these

The Greek word "SCHIZO" means _____

"Don't love the world or anything that belongs to the world. If you love the world, you cannot love the Father. (Now, here come the three pathways of temptation.) **Our foolish pride** comes from this world, and so do **our selfish desires** and **our desire to have everything we see**. None of this comes from the Father."

1 John 2:15-16

Our Foolish Pride--When have you been tempted by pride? Or when have you been tempted to put other things before God in your life?

"You shall not put the Lord your God to the test."--Jesus Christ

Our Selfish Desires--What desire are you wrestling with that may be taking you to a place that is not good for you?

"Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."--Jesus Christ

Our Desire to Have Everything We See--How do you overcome the desire to have everything you see? Have you ever gotten what you really wanted, only to discover that having it wasn't so great after all?

"You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."--Jesus Christ

How does Jesus teach us to defeat temptation?

Read God's _____

Be in _____

Remember you are a _____ of God

EVERY TIME you defeat temptation YOU BECOME MORE LIKE JESUS!