

## Matthew 4:5-7

*Resolutions of an Overcomer (Part 2): I Will NOT Test God*

### Tempted to Test God (vv. 5-6)

### Resolution #2: I will NOT Test God (v. 7)

## Application of Matt 4:5-7

1. Read Gen 3:1-7 and write down how the devil deceived Eve, including the progression of his attack against God and His Word.
2. How does Satan's use (misuse) of Scripture teach us about the importance of reading, studying, and understanding God's Word in context and within the boundaries of what He has spoken elsewhere in Scripture?
  - a. Are there practical steps you need to take to know and understand the Word of God better?
3. What are some subtle lies the devil has presented to the world (and the church) by twisting Scripture?
  - a. Have you embraced or are you susceptible to any of these (or others you can think of)?
4. How do Jesus' words "it is written" (vv. 4, 7, 10) speak to the authority and relevance of God's written Word today?
  - a. How should this truth shape preaching, counseling, evangelism?
  - b. Why did Jesus refuse to do what Satan said, even though he used Scripture and even introduced it with "it is written"?
5. Read Eph 6:10-20 with Paul's description of the spiritual battle we face and how we're to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.
6. What's the difference between testing God and trusting God?
  - a. Reflect on the example of Israel testing God from Ex 17:1-7 to help you understand some differences.
  - b. Why is it wrong to test God?
  - c. What are some modern-day examples of "testing" God?
  - d. Are you guilty of testing God? If so, repent, ask for forgiveness, and take action to stop testing Him if necessary.
7. What are some verses from Scripture you could memorize to help you trust God and resist temptation?

Reading this week: Matthew 4:1-11

## Sermon Notes for Children (or Children at Heart)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

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| <u>Book</u>    | <u>Sermon Main Points</u><br><br><i>R_____ of an O_____ (Part 2):</i><br><i>I will N_____ T_____ God</i> | <u>Other Bible References:</u><br>_____<br>_____<br>_____<br>_____<br>_____<br>_____<br>_____ |
| <u>Chapter</u> | T_____ to T_____ God (vv. __-__)   |   |
| <u>Verses</u>  | Resolution #2: I will N_____ Test G_____ (v. __)   |   |

### Words you heard during the sermon (tally each time)

| God/Yahweh/<br>Father | Christ/Jesus/Lord | Devil/Satan | Tempt(ed/ation) | Test(ing) | Word/Scripture |
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What is the message about? \_\_\_\_\_

How can you do this? \_\_\_\_\_

What/who can you pray for? \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a picture related to the message: