

PRAYER UPDATE

HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES this past week

Gene Cutler had a brain aneurysm mid-august and is currently at Dominican hospital rehab unit. Please pray for his wife Gini as she cares for Gene and for healing and a miraculous recovery and for comfort and peace for the family.

Bernice Bergman fell and broke her elbow last week and just came home from the hospital. Please pray for her recovery and complete healing.

Adriana Di Pietro diagnosed with bone cancer is now in the final stages and has gone on Hospice. Please pray that Tito, her husband, and the family can lean into God's everlasting arms for strength and comfort during this very difficult time.

Gary Barton Dawn and Gary are so thankful for your love and prayers. Continue lifting Gary and his family up in prayer as he continues to fight late stage colon cancer. Please pray for peace and wisdom regarding further treatment and the sale of their Palm Springs home.

We would love to visit your loved ones in the hospital. Please contact Carrie Clark. 465.3368 | care@tlc.org

A complete prayer list is available at the information desk.



RESISTING TEMPTATION THROUGH THE WORD

OCTOBER 18 & 19 // MARK SPURLOCK

“This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

Matthew 3:17b

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be **tempted** by the devil. Matthew 4:1

I. THE DEVIL'S MAIN STRATEGY: TO CAUSE ME TO _____

WHAT _____ AND _____.

“Did God really say...?” Genesis 3:1b

II. THREE TARGETS OF ATTACK

1. MY _____

After fasting forty days and forty nights, **he was hungry**. The tempter came to him and said, “**If you are the Son of God**, tell these stones to become bread.” Matthew 4:2-3

Jesus answered, “**It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”**

Matthew 4:4

2. MY _____

Then the devil took him to **the holy city** and had him stand on the highest point of **the temple**. “**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.’” Matthew 4:5–6

Jesus answered him, “**It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’**” Matthew 4:7

3. MY _____

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of **the world** and their splendor. “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.” Matthew 4:8–9

Jesus said to him, “**Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’**” Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him. Matthew 4:10–11

III. SO HOW DO WE RESPOND?

1. RELY ON _____

Stand firm then, with **the belt of truth** buckled around your waist... take up the **shield of faith**, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the **helmet of salvation** and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the **word of God**. Ephesians 6:14a, 16b, 17

2. RELY ON _____

Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, **he is able to help** those who are being tempted. Therefore... **fix your thoughts on Jesus**... Hebrews 2:18–3:1a

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one **who has been tempted in every way**, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then **approach** the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may **receive mercy** and **find grace** to help us in our time of need. Hebrews 4:15–16

Resources

“The Great Enemy” (Encounters with Jesus Series) by Timothy Keller, 2013.

DAILY MEDITATIONS

MEMORY VERSE

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.
Psalm 119:18

DAILY VERSE MEDITATIONS

Available in the **40 Days in Word workbook**; sign up at **40ditw.com** for bonus audio or video daily devotions!

SERVICE PROJECTS

A HUGE part of this study too! (“be doers of the word, and not just hearers”) See **ServeTheBay.org** for ideas!

40 DAYS IN THE WORD TIMELINE

OCTOBER

4/5 Motivation: How to Be Blessed by the Bible
11/12 Orientation: Rediscovering the Bible
18/19 Transformation: Resisting Temptation through the Bible
25/26 Foundation: Why Do We Need the Bible?

NOVEMBER

1/2 Interpretation: How Do I Understand the Bible?
8/9 Inspiration: Questions About the Bible
15/16 Application: Building My Life on the Bible
22/23 Celebration: The Bible: End or Means?