

<p style="text-align: center;">Shaping Your Heart Luke 3:1-4:13</p>

We're in a sermon series called "I Wanna' Live for Jesus." The idea for the title comes from Paul in 2 Corinthians 5:15, "And he died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf." The idea is that we no longer live for ourselves, but for Him. Question: What does that look like? When we look into the Gospel of Luke we discover how we can become more and more like Jesus. This morning we have the opportunity to learn from the Master how we can shape our hearts in order to handle temptations.

1. Shape your heart _____.
(Luke 3:21-22; 4:1-2)

2. Shape your heart _____.
(Luke 4:1-13; Matthew 4:1-11; for "temptation," see Genesis 3:6; 1 Corinthians 10:12-13; Hebrews 4:15-16; 2:18; James 1:13-15; 1 John 2:16)

Resource for Families

Every week your child receives a take home paper from her/his Sunday School class. I would highly suggest going through the “Daily Family Devotional Readings” and doing the “Family Fun Activities.” For a biblical foundation for our roles as parents, read Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 20-25.

Day by Day in the Word

“Day by Day in the Word” is a tool we use to help in the transformation process in which the Spirit of God uses the Word of God to bring about Christlikeness.

Monday-Tuesday

- Read James 1:2-4, 12 and James 1:14-15 and identify two parallel patterns. The first pattern begins with “trials” and ends in “life” and the second pattern begins with “temptation” and ends in “death.” The latter is obviously not God’s will for He can’t be tempted, nor does He tempt anyone (James 1:13).
- Identifying the Two Pathways is classic wisdom literature. See Psalm 1 with the difference between the Way of Sinners and the Way of the Righteous. By identifying these two pathways, how will this help shape your heart? How will this help you before you enter into temptation?
- Using this Two Pathways approach, what can you do this week to grow in maturity and to resist temptation? At the end of the week, celebrate with an individual what the Lord has been doing in your life and encourage them with the Two Pathways approach.

Wednesday-Thursday

- Read Luke 3:1-20 for the ministry of John the Baptist. Develop a brief definition of “repentance” and “forgiveness.”
- Identify what a “transformed and forgiven life” looks like. See Luke 3:10-14. What can you do this week to begin putting this into practice?
- Read Luke 3:23-38 for Jesus’ genealogy. Using a good Bible Dictionary or a Study Bible, compare and contrast Luke’s genealogy and Matthew’s (Matthew 1:2-16). For further work, identify the role of genealogies in the Old Testament. If you use a Study Bible, start with 1 Chronicles. Talk with someone about how a genealogy would be of help to your family and to our church.

Friday-Saturday

- Read Luke 4:1-13. What principles can you learn from the life of Christ that will help you to grow in maturity and to resist temptations?
- Identify several areas in which your regularly get tempted. How does 1 Corinthians 10:13 help you? How does Matthew 6:13 (“lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil”) help you? What biblical passages can you meditate on and memorize that will help you?
- Be sure to celebrate with someone what God has been doing in your life.