

## 2025 - Don't Tempt Me

Prayer Of Invocation - Dec Eugene

MS - Dec Stew     **1Pet 5:6-8**                             **6**     Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

**7**     Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

**8**     Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

### The Word; Pastor White

**Lu 20:22**     Is it lawful for us to give tribute unto Caesar, or no? **23**  
But he perceived their craftiness, and said unto them,     Why tempt ye me?

**24**     Shew me a penny. Whose image and superscription hath it? They answered and said, Caesar's.

**25**     And he said unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's.

Last week we started this new series Entitled 2025 which takes its name from the focal verse of Luke 20:25.

It is imperative for you to avail yourselves to every message in this series because each one builds upon the other.

Just like those of your who follow after seasonal tv shows you know if you miss one, your kinda lost as to the changes that are occurring in the next episode.

So if you missed last week please go back and watch. it gives you clarity of how we got to this point in the message. It will also explain how this series came to bare the title of 2025.

This year of 2025 ought to be a your year of commitment.

You should make it up in your mind right now that you will render greater service to the Lord by seeking, and serving Him with your whole heart.

Now in order for us to truly benefit in tis 2025 year of commitment we must 1st get rid of some stuff.ex; if you were to reno your house you would 1st have to get rid of whatever's in the way of the new...

Last week we examined how we arrived at the Lords genius calculated response to there foolish attempts to trap Him.

Picking up where we left off last week there are a few more points to be made concerning these verses before we move on.

V22 Is it lawful for us to give tribute unto Caesar,

23 But he perceived their craftiness, and said unto them, Why tempt ye me?

Now for those who don't fully understand what it means to tempt - to entice someone to do wrong, try and trap, put to a test.

Last week we talked about the fact that Jesus being 2nd person of the trinity who is indeed God, who is as the Bible says the word that was made flesh and dwelt among us. Ref; **Jn1:14**

He is the law giver, He is the one who has given power to kings, kingdoms and the authorities to institute laws and to punish law breakers. How foolish are they which thought that they could trap the lawgiver to go against that which he allowed?

**Romans 13:1** Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

For Jesus to say anything contrary to what He already said would be like God resisting God!!!

Only a fool would think that he could catch God or trip him up. Paul told us in ; **1Cor 1:25** Because the foolishness of god is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Do we not realize that there have been men that have made it their task to find discrepancies, contradictions, lies, or-else Lou poles in Gods word? Not one of them have been successful, and some have even come to faith in Jesus Christ because of the power of truth.

*\*Gods truth is undeniable as many would discover.*

***\*We who are His children should never tempt Him.***

You may say, how do we tempt Christ?

The same way they did, by asking him a question that you know contradicts His truth for your own personal benefits. Asking Him to willfully go against what you know is wrong according to Gods word.

Ex; When you're saved, but then you ask the Lord

Lord should I marry him, I know he's a Muslim but I love Him. (**2Cor 6:14** Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?)

\*being equal yoked is just the start, there are so many other things to consider before a woman should say I do

Lord should I marry her? I know she's a Buddhist, but she's so fine. Wasn't it Solomons wives that led his heart away from the Lord...

Lord should we have a free open bar for our wedding reception? you know we don't drink but we no our guest do. (now I know some of you don't even ask God. if you can afford it, you do it). but for the rest who know better...

We are warned in **1Cor 9:8-13** against doing anything that would cause a weaker brother to sin.

**Prov 20:1** Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

(Dominican Rep)

Getting drunk is not wise, neither is it wise to provide it for others. (peoples responses)

- a. I'm not responsible, it ain't our fault if folk get drunk
- b. we just want folk to enjoy and have a good time
- c. I don't care what pastor says, didn't Jesus turn water to wine... (Jn ch2)

Now let me make one thing perfectly clear. It's not tempting God if you don't know the answer and your asking is from a need to know. But it's tempting when you already know the answer but want to twist it to fit your foolishness.

Just like when Satan tempted Jesus with His second suggestion according to what the word says coming from **Ps 91**

### **Now understand this!**

Jesus response to the 1st temptation... was the word coming from Duet 8:3 man doth not live...

So when satan comes the 2nd time He's comes with the word (twisted) to reinforce the temptation.

**Mt 4:5-7** **5** Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, **6** And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Now here is the deceptiveness of the enemy. Here as he was tempting Jesus he left out a section in quoting Ps 91:11, and then he added something when quoting Ps 91:12.

Ps 91: **11** For he shall give his angels charge over thee, **To keep thee in all thy ways.** (left out)

**12** They shall bear thee up in *their* hands, Lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. (added-lest at any time)

All it takes is to change the meaning of a statement is to add a word, delete a word, or change the beginning or ending of a word... The enemy will always work this to His advantage and so will everyone who conspires with evil intent. That's why you need to know this word of God...

**Mat 4:7** Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

Ref; **Duet 6:16**

How about this one;

Lord, should I go to church today... (lord should i sin today)

**Heb 10:25** Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. **26** For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

**Don't ask God should you Go, but ask him to forgive you for not going. Be straight up with God...**

**James 1:13** Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

Tell your neighbor, DON'T EVEN TRY IT!

Is it any wonder Paul said often we don't even know what to pray for'

**Romans 8:26** Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.