

Tuesday Family Night

1/14/25

Review;

On Sunday we did a little backtracking into the scriptures from week one of this series. The title of this series is 2025 which is based on our original focal verse of Luke 20:25.

Luke 20:25 And he said unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's.

I believe that as we get deeper into the series we're going to discover just how important it is for us to be vigilant. Whether we do it or not we spend the majority of our day making these kinds of decisions without even thinking about it.

Some people are so distracted by the things of the world that the things of God never come into play.

Those of us who belong to the Lord should be sensitive to the Holy Spirits leading so as not to lose our focus. It is the Spirit of God that keeps us in the paths of righteousness by the many ministries He performs for us.

It is the Holy Ghost that teaches us, Leads us, guides us, and convicts us of sin. It is the spirit of God that Reminds us of God's truth, and even prays for us when we don't know what to say or how to pray.

So as we go about our day when we allow God to order our steps we'll have greater success in the will of God as opposed to giving the enemy more of our time than he should have.

Now the subtitle of Sunday's message was Don't Tempt Me.

We started our text Sunday in Luke 20:22-23

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?

On Sunday We took our time with these verses in order that we may see that we're not exempt from the same things that the Pharisees did as they tried to trap him. Now I'm pretty certain that our motivation was not the same as theirs was. It told us in Luke 20:19 what their motivation was.

Lu 20:19 And the chief priests and the scribes the same hour sought to lay hands on him; and they feared the people: for they perceived that he had spoken this parable against them.

20 And they watched *him*, and sent forth spies, which should feign themselves just men, that they might take hold of his words, that so they might deliver him unto the power and authority of the governor.

But we still in our desire to have what we want sometimes do the same things. We ask knowing that the thing we want is wrong as if Gods gonna make an exception for you.

Your children do it all the time... and we the children of god do it too.

Go with me to;

Mt 26:38 Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.

39 And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou *wilt*.

40 And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?

41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.

42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

43 And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy.

44 And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

*Here's another example of the Pharisees Tempting God.

Acts 15:5 But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command *them* to keep the law of Moses.

6 And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter.

7 And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men *and* brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe.

8 And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as *he did* unto us;

9 And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

10 Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

11 But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we

shall be saved, even as they.