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## “Make Every Effort...”

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### Luke 4:1-11

Who was the first person the Devil ever tricked? What happened? What was God going to do about it? When Adam sinned it brought death into the world. It made all of Adam's children (that's us) to be enemies of God. But God was sending Jesus to save sinners. So the Devil was trying to trick Jesus more than anyone else – ever!



Jesus knew his special mission to die on the cross. But if Jesus fell into sin he could not save us! So Jesus always had to obey God. Satan's 3 three tricks were:

1. Stones to bread – not trusting God, not waiting for God.
2. Jump off the Temple – wanting to get famous.
3. Get all the kingdoms by worshiping the devil – wanting to get power.

### 2 Peter 1:3,5-8

In 2009, just like Jesus' efforts to withstand the tricks of the devil, we must “make every effort” to stand up to the devil and make “continual improvement”:

1. Make every effort to **eradicate willful sin**
2. Make every effort to **eliminate relational conflict**
3. Make every effort to **be more encouraging and less judging**
4. Make every effort to **promote unity**
5. Make every effort to **cultivate a more Christ-like character**



***“Take care! Protect yourself against the least bit of greed. Life is not defined by what you have, even when you have a lot.” Luke 12:15***

