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When we think of Jesus’ temptations, our minds typically go in one of two ways: 1) to His early days, immediately after His baptism, and Satan’s efforts *in the wilderness;* or, 2) to His last days, when facing and enduring the agonies of the cross. But as we saw in a previous lesson (“One Day Left”), Jesus did much the same things on His last day as He had done throughout His public life- He *served, taught, comforted, assured, challenged, warned, explained, communed and worshipped, prayed,* and *went forth resolutely.* So, too, it is with His “temptations” in that He didn’t just face them at *the beginning* and *end* of His “public” life- He encountered and endured them *throughout* His life. Think about this conclusion with me for a few minutes…

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1. **Insubordination to Parents, Luke 2:41-51**
2. At the young age of twelve (v.42), Jesus knew *who* He was and *what* He was here to do, v.49b. His *knowledge, understanding,* and *wisdom “amazed”* and *“astonished”* both the *teachers* and *all who heard Him,”* vv.46-48a.
3. And yet, *“He went down with them”* and *“continued in subjection to them,”* v.51.
4. Here is a great lesson to all the adolescent, pre-teen and teenagers who think: Your parents just don’t understand you; Your parents just don’t understand your feelings, wants, or goals in life; or, Your parents treat you like a “child”…
   1. You *may* be exactly right on all counts.
   2. Jesus certainly understands how you feel.
   3. But neither of these remove or lesson the obligation of your *respectful subjection* to them, v.51; cf. Eph.6:1 and Col.3:20.
   4. So, regardless of what you know (and/or what your parents don’t know) and how you feel, take note of, remember, and emulate the example of Jesus by resisting the temptation to rebel, or even to be disrespectfully insubordinate to your parents. Doing so will make your life- and theirs, much better, Eph.6:2-3.
5. **Impatience with Everythingand Everyone.**
6. God’s *plan for saving man* was present before *the world* or *man,* Eph.1:3-8. So, after *creating the world,* Jesus *waited* for *“the fullness of time”* (Gal.4:4) to come- for *“the proper time”* to be *borne,* 1Tim.2:6.So, Jesus patiently waited for roughly 4000+ years to be born, cf. 2Pet.3:8.
7. Then, after His *“fullness of Deity”* appeared *“in bodily form,”* Col.2:9, Jesus patiently waited for 30 (human) years to be *baptized* and *identified* by John, cf. John 1:29-36; Matt.3:13-17; and Luke 3:23.
8. All of the *synoptic* gospels place Jesus’ *forty days in the wilderness* being *tempted* next, cf. Mark 1:11-12. So again, Jesus patiently waits- without food and water, for Satan’s initial efforts at derailing God’s plan to ultimately and miserably fail.
9. He also manifested great patience rather retaliation with His *hometown friends* and *family,* Mark 6:1-6. He *selected disciples* and *went about healing* and *preaching* to others elsewhere who would *listen* and *be healed* (physically and spiritually), Mark 6:7-12; cf. John 7:1-10; and Matt.12:46-50.
10. And, manifested great patience with His own disciples- with their *lack of faith* (Matt.8:26; 14:31;16:8-12)*, lack of humility* (Matt.20:20-29 with John 13:1-17)*,* and *lack of understanding* (Luke 24:44-49 with Acts 1:6-9).
11. **Intolerance with Judas**
    1. Jesus *knew “from the beginning”* who *did not believe* and *who would betray Him,* John 6:64,71.
    2. And yet, He not only *selected* Judas anyway, He also *kept* him as a disciple, Luke 8:3; John 12:3-6; Luke 22:3-6; John 13:2,21-27.
    3. Surely must have been tempting to “cut him off at the pass” knowing *what he was doing* as well *what he was going to do.*
    4. But instead, Jesus: *maintained a relationship with* him; *loved him to the end;* never stopped trying to *influencing him positively,* and ultimately *allowed him the chance* to *chose* and *do right,* John 14:19-24.

**Conclusions:**

These few have but *scratched the surface* of all the temptations Jesus faced **throughout** His life, rather than just *in the wilderness* and *at Gethsemane.* After all, He was *“tempted in all things as were are,”* Heb.4:15.

However, perhaps these can provide helpful lessons **for us when we are tempted to:**

1. **Be *insubordinate***or ***rebellious,***or otherwise ***fail to* *honor father and mother****,* Eph.6:1-3. We *think* we “know it all”- but He really did (and more!) and yet *“continued in subjection to them,”* Luke 2:52;
2. **Be *impatient***with our ***family***or ***friend’s***lack of understanding or faith, 1Tim.2:15-16; and,
3. **Be *intolerant***of **others’** ignorance, greed, or rebellionto the point that we fail to *love* them and do our best to *lead* them to better decisions and conduct before it is too late, 2Tim.2:24-26.

**May we all learn from Jesus’ *many* temptations, and *walk* faithfully as even He *walked,* Eph.5:1-2!**