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  - Matthew 4:1-11 – The tempter who came to Jesus was the devil
  - 1 Peter 5:8 – Be sober and vigilant because the devil is looking to devour

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  - Matthew 4:1-3 – Jesus was hungry, he had fasted 40 days and 40 nights
  - Matthew 6:13 – Lead us not into temptation, deliver us from the evil one

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- How to Defend Against the Tempter
  - Be watchful
    - James 1:13 – Tempter is not God, so we are to look out for Satan
    - 2 Samuel 11 – David's sin with and Bathsheba

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- How to Defend Against the Tempter
  - Limit the tempter's opportunities
    - James 1:14 – Temptation occurs when the tempter lures one away by their desires
    - 2 Timothy 2:22 – Flee youthful lust
    - Romans 13:14 – Make no provisions to fulfill lust

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- How to Defend Against the Tempter
  - Receive and be a doer of the word
    - James 1:16-25 – The doer of the word is the one that hears and makes application

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16 Do not be deceived, my beloved
brethren. 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift
is from above, and comes down from the Father
of lights, with whom there is no variation or
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    - 1 Kings 3 – Solomon wanted understanding and wisdom, but didn't make the application
    - 2 Kings 23 – Josiah, when he received the word, made application

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- Application
  - The tempter is Satan → Be watchful
  - The tempter uses our desires → Do not give him the opportunity to entice desires
  - Receive and be a doer of the word → Make application of God's word to our life

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