

Lions in the Spring



Why would Satan bother with someone new in the faith?

- Satan sees the great _____ that is in the heart of new faith
- If Satan can stop this progress, he'll have much _____ to do later on
- Each soul _____

A. Immediately after the baptism of Jesus, _____ showed up (Mt 3:16-4:3)

B. Simon— a new convert (Acts 8:14-24): heart is not _____; w _____; bondage of i _____

Lions in the Spring: Three Ways Satan Tempts the New Christian

1. By **not making a _____ with the world:** (the curse of worldly _____)

By keeping one foot in the world, your faith becomes _____ from the start

(a) _____ (1 Pet 4:2-5)

(b) _____ of _____

Sexual purity begins with your _____ (Mk 7:20-21; Prov 4:23)

God has placed a no _____ around intimacy

(2 Tim 2:12; 1 Cor 6:18; Gal 5:19,21; Heb 13:4)

You can be _____ in this impure world (Phil 2:15; Dan 1:8)

2. By **needing the _____ of others:** (the curse of _____)

Validation theology—This leads to never developing the deep _____ in your _____ faith
2 Tim 4:16-17; 1:12

3. By **_____ yourself from spiritual _____:** (the curse of _____)

Replacing faith with _____

Distorting grace to the extent that you never have to _____

Rejecting the concept of _____

By not having any spiritual _____ in your life

Kevin Clark: *Good people can do very bad things*

- Know yourself and your weaknesses
- Avoid putting yourself in harms way
- Feed the spirit and starve the flesh

Four questions about the Questionable

1. Will I need to keep it a secret?
2. Will it lead me closer to the Lord?
3. Will it present the best side of me?
4. What will the Lord think about it?