



### **The 3-Fold Battle For The Soul**

*1 John 2:16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.*

**The Lust of the Flesh** - Things that gratify improper physical sensations.

**The Lust of the Eyes** - Seeking things that are not rightfully acquired.

**The Pride of Life** - Enjoying the praise of men, not the praise of God.

*Genesis 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.*

**The Lust of the Flesh** - Good for food (this fruit was forbidden food).

**The Lust of the Eyes** - Pleasant to the eyes (scratch a forbidden itch).

**The Pride of Life** - Desired to make one wise (to be as powerful as God).

*Luke 4:1-14*

*1 And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,*

*2 Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.*

**The Lust of the Flesh** - Bread (pleasing flesh rather than pleasing God).

**The Lust of the Eyes** - Kingdoms (power to reign than power to serve).

**The Pride of Life** - Fame (God is a protector, not a promoter).

*13 And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him...*

*14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.*

### **Exhortation**

✎ Food, faculty and fulfillment are in God's domain to satisfy.

✎ We can satisfy them early our own ways, and then lose it all.

✎ Or we can choose self-sacrifice and allow God to fulfill (and keep it!)

### **Practical Application**

✎ Beware of the devil's temporary, immediate satisfaction methods.

✎ Don't sell your soul for a tent now when you can have a mansion later.

✎ We need to discipline ourselves and learn God's way to live.