

THREE STEPS TO DISASTER

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God created humanity for a purpose. He provided everything that was good for us physically, emotionally and spiritually. Because we were created with free will, he also provided directions and warnings that would protect us from natural and spiritual harm (Genesis 3:1-24). Most people don't consider we are primarily spiritual beings... our bodies are only vehicles for our soul.

Once we are tempted and led astray from Godly directions... spiritual death awaits. This occurs in three steps.

First temptation (1st Adam). God knew that man was unable to handle good and evil if they ate from this tree and the consequences that resulted.

GEN 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was **good for food** (1), and that it was **pleasant to the eyes** (2), and a tree to be desired **to make one wise** (3), she took of the fruit thereof (three separate steps to disaster), and did **eat**, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Eve saw that it was: 1. Good for food (body)

2. Pleasant to the eyes (mind)

3. Desired to make one wise (soul)

Just as God had clearly said... that choice destroyed their spiritual life (in three steps).

GEN 3:3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall **not eat** (1) of it, neither shall ye **touch** (2) it, lest ye **die** (3).

The weakness that had destroyed Adam and Eve... that continues to destroy the human race; needed to be destroyed itself. Jesus Christ did just that.

Second temptation (2nd Adam). Jesus' temptation after 40 days and nights of fasting, by Satan.

LUK 4:3 (1) And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made **bread**.

(2) **5** And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the **kingdoms of the world** in a moment of time. **6** And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.

(3) **9** And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence: **10** For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee: *Falsely using scripture.* & **12** And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt **not tempt the Lord thy God**.

1. Bread – hungry (body)

2. Kingdoms of the world (mind)

3. Not to tempt God (soul)

This is how we move away from the disaster of death and regain spiritual life.

This is the first account of the solution of life over death. **ACT 2:38** Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be **baptized** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the **gift of the Holy Ghost**. **39** For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. *They all spoke in tongues as the power of God came into them.*

This is how the New Testament tells us how to deal with the three steps to disaster.

Third Temptation, the church (natural and spiritual Adam combined). To the Spirit-Filled, John tells us not to love the world... don't eat from the tree of human values. Same 3 aspects.

1JOH 2:16 For all that is in the world, the **lust of the flesh** (one), and the **lust of the eyes** (second), and the **pride of life** (three), is not of the Father, but is of the world.

1. Lust of the flesh (body).

2. Lust of the eyes (mind).

3. Pride of life (soul).

The reality of temptation.

JAM 1:13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his **own lust**, and **enticed**. (body).

15 Then when **lust hath conceived** (mind), it bringeth **forth sin**:

and sin, when it is finished, **bringeth forth death**. (soul).

Conclusion to overcoming disaster.

1COR 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a **living soul**; the last Adam was made a **quickening spirit**. *This is a summary of human failure and final spiritual victory.*

HEB 2:18 For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour (bring help) them that are tempted.

HEB 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. *The solution is in the faithful use of the Holy Spirit.*