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## THREE TEMPTATIONS OF A TEACHER

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### SESSION NOTES:

- **There is always a tendency to trust in our own ability, especially once we have some experience in teaching.**
  - Apostolic teachers must rely on the leading of the Spirit, not just manipulating the emotions or intriguing the intellect.



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## Temptation #1: Stones into Bread (Matthew 4:2-4)

- There is a temptation to gratify the flesh by making stones into bread—**using something dead to get your bread**. Your students deserve more than dead, dry information from books; they need living, anointed inspiration from Scripture.

## Temptation #2: Cast Yourself Down (Matthew 4:5-7)

- There is a temptation to accommodate the flesh by presuming on God—**thinking you are the exception to the principles you are teaching**. The teacher must flee from presumptuous sins, guarding the words of their mouth and the meditations of their heart (Psalm 19:13-14).

## Temptation #3: Lift Yourself Up (Matthew 4:8-10)

- There is a temptation to promote the flesh by circumventing the cross—**having a public reputation without private consecration**. The teacher's ego is always their enemy, so they have to nail it to the cross daily before they are prepared to teach weekly.



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## QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION:

1. James warns us that teachers will face stricter judgment (James 3:1). Why does he sandwich this warning between his instructions about **good works** (chapter 2) and his exhortations about **good words** (chapter 3)?
2. What are some of the ways that the **good works** of a teacher impact their students?
3. What are some of the ways that the **good words** of a teacher impact their students?



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