

## Scripture Reading: Luke 4:1-13

*Temptations come, as a general rule, when they are sought. —Margaret Oliphant*

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The Bible reading for today tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness shortly after he was baptized by John in the Jordan River.

Jesus is our great example and teacher when it comes to resisting temptation. He was "tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15). If we want to be like Jesus, we will be eager to learn from him how he resisted the devil when he was tempted. Knowing Scripture, Jesus was able to apply the principles of God's word to avoid being caught in a trap.

Jesus even said we should *pray* that we not be led into temptation. Every time we pray the Lord's Prayer, we ask God not to lead us into temptation. So prayer and knowing the Bible are important tools to shield ourselves from possible danger.

Temptation is a lot like some carnivorous plants I have read about. The most famous is the Venus Flytrap. Here's what one source says about this floral carnivore: "When an insect or spider crawling along the leaves contacts a hair, the trap prepares to close, snapping shut only if another contact occurs within approximately 20 seconds of the first strike. Triggers may occur if one-tenth of the insect is within contact. The requirement of redundant triggering ... serves as a safeguard against wasting energy by trapping objects with no nutritional value, and the plant will only begin digestion after five more stimuli to ensure it has caught a live bug worthy of consumption."

The difference between these hapless insects and spiders and we human beings is that we *know* when we are being tempted. And yet, ignoring the danger, we often yield to it, and regret it later.

When we're tempted to do something that violates our conscience, or that hurts someone else, let's remember to be faithful in prayer and to God's Word, just as was Jesus himself!

—Timothy Merrill

*Prayer: O God, lead me not into temptation, but deliver me from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory. Amen.*

*Prayerfully,  
Lisa & Pastor Ben Motz*

**Daily Bible Readings**

- Sunday:** Leviticus 20-23
- Monday:** Leviticus 24-27
- Tuesday:** Mark 1-3
- Wednesday:** Mark 4-6
- Thursday:** Mark 7-10
- Friday:** Mark 11-13
- Saturday:** Psalms 25-28



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HOW MANY WORDS CAN YOU MAKE FROM THIS WORD?

## DEREGULATION

**DIRECTIONS:** The words have to be at least THREE letters long. And you can't use any letter twice in the same word, unless the letter appears twice in "DEREGULATION." So, for example, you can't make the word "latte" because there is only one T in "DEREGULATION," but you can make the word "deer" because there are two E's. List all the words in your answer. Use the space below, the back of this page or another sheet for scratch paper. See possible answers below. Ready? Set? Go!

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## Are you getting ANT-sy?

All answers end with ANT. Using the clues provided, fill in the spaces.

Solution below.

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**CLUES** (from top row to bottom row):

- ▶ An 8-foot man would be one
- ▶ To take back one's testimony
- ▶ A bum, often homeless
- ▶ Pertaining to, germane
- ▶ A drug to reduce sluggishness

Answers to  
Are you  
getting  
ANT-sy?:  
giant,  
recant  
vagrant  
relevant  
stimulant

**Answers:** There are more than 1,800 possible words of three or more letters to be found in DEREGULATION. Here are some of them: delegation, goaltender, regulation, delegator, denigrate, elongated, engrailed, entourage, ideologue, interlude, longitude, outlander, realigned, regulated, unaltered, unrelated, altering, dateline, deleting, deletion, derogate, dialogue, enlarged, entailed, idolater, integral, ligature, lingered, loitered, oriental, aged, arid, auto, dale, dare, darn, dart, date, deal, dear, deli, dial, diet, earl, earn, edge, edit, euro, gain, gait, gale, gate, gear, gene, gent, idea, idle, idol, laid, land, lane, lead, lean, elder, elite, elude, enter, erode, etude, genie, genre, giant, glade, gland, glare, glean, glide, glint, gloat, glued, gored, gourd, grade, grail, grain, grand, grant, grate, great, greed, green, greet, grind, groan, groin, grout, gruel, grunt, guard, guide, guild, guile, guilt, ideal, inert, ingot, inlet, laden and hundreds more!

