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III. Read [1 John 2:15-17](#). What does the Bible refer to when it speaks of "the world"? Notice the three types of sins mentioned. What kind of temptations might fall under each of these sins? Be specific. How is the will of God contrary to these?

IV. Finally, read [Luke 4:13](#). What can we learn about the devil's tactics in this story? What does an opportune time refer to? When are you most temptable? Does the devil know your weaknesses? What sorts of life adjustments have you made to better avoid temptations? Note [Ephesians 4:22-32, 5:8-11, 6:11-12](#).

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