WORD OF THE DAY



" Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" - NIV

MEDITATE ON THIS (It is also written)



In the wilderness, Satan tempted Jesus with misquoted scripture. He said, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread." Jesus replied, "It is written, 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'" (Matthew 4:3-4)

At this moment, Jesus showed us the importance of knowing and understanding the Word of God. Jesus reminded us that we must constantly be studying the Bible so that we can recognize when people may misquote scripture and use it against us. If we don't have a wide knowledge of scripture, or if we don't take the time to research the Bible for other scriptures which provide additional context on a subject, we will be easily deceived.

When we are tempted, we must remember what Jesus said: "**It is also written**" - key words being also written. Meaning that just knowing one scripture verse about a subject is never enough. The devil quoted scripture but Jesus was not fooled by Satan's misappropriation of God's WORD because Jesus knew the Word of God extensively. Therefore, when we have been active in studying God's WORD, and not simply one Bible verse about an issue, we will be able to recognize Satan's lies and stand firm in our faith. Let us study the Word of God and dig deep, mining beneath the thin topsoil of one Bible verse for the nuggets of gold(truth) waiting to be excavated through disciplined and systematic Biblical exegesis(scriptural interpretation).

-Your brother in Christ, WNL

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Devil knows the Bible, do you?

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

"Dear God, thank you for Your Holy Scriptures, which provides me with truth. Unfortunately, the Devil tries to use Your Scripture to deceive the world about many things, leading people astray on important issues such as how we should treat each other and issues of right and wrong. Help me, Lord, to study in-depth any issue I'm trying to better understand, so that I will not be deceived by a limited knowledge of Your Word. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen."

