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**the Word of God**  
006.Targeted for Temptation

## Challenge from the podcast:

Read John 1:1-5 below and consider the questions.

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.*

John 1:1-5 NKJV

### Consider...

Who is the author of this gospel? \_\_\_\_\_  
How did he know Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_  
What does he say was in the beginning? \_\_\_\_\_  
What do you believe the Word is? \_\_\_\_\_  
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To say that John knew and loved Jesus as one of his closest friends would be an understatement. So to read his gospel is a revelation of John's intimate beliefs.

John has given us this name for Jesus, the Word of God, and is revealing His presence as being the voice of Creator within the Trinity in the beginning.

And as such, he also imparts His presence and power into the scriptures when we consider them as the word of God.

So now when we read verses such as...

*For the **word of God** is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.*

Hebrews 4:12-13 NKJV

they take on a completely new and powerful meaning.

*And out of the ground the Lord God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.*

Genesis 2:9 NKJV

### What do you want?

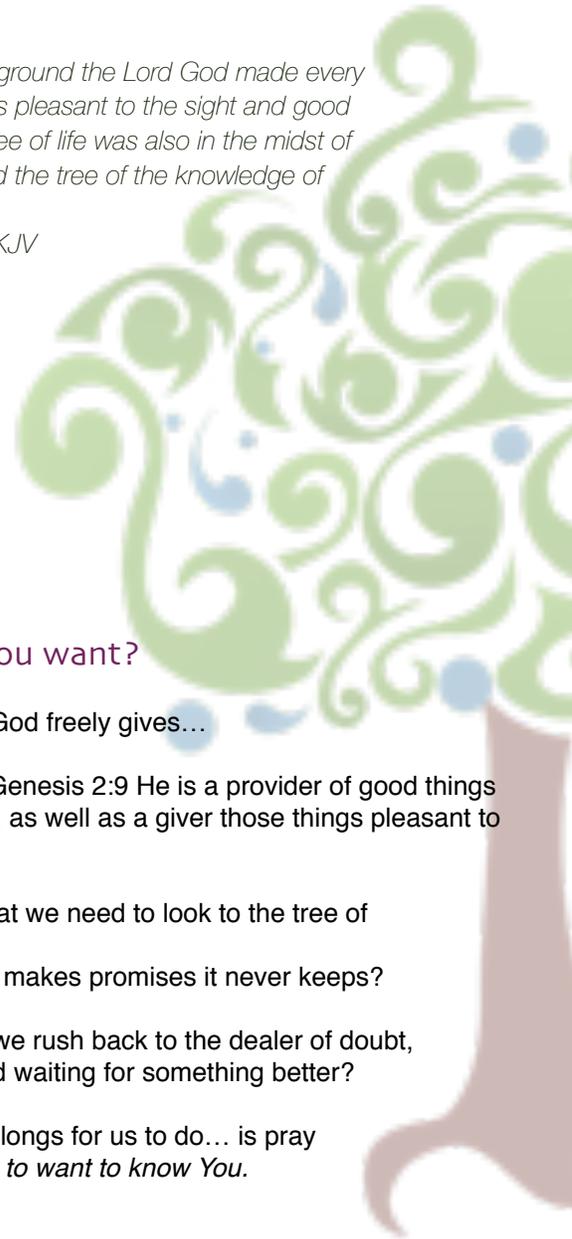
Because our God freely gives...

According to Genesis 2:9 He is a provider of good things which nourish, as well as a giver those things pleasant to our senses.

So why is it that we need to look to the tree of temptation...  
the one which makes promises it never keeps?

Why is it that we rush back to the dealer of doubt, wondering and waiting for something better?

When all God longs for us to do... is pray  
*Lord, I want... to want to know You.*





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Yes, we are in a war!  
But we have God on  
our side, His spirit  
within us and His Word  
spoken to defend us!



My purpose is not to change minds, but to challenge perspectives. The knowledge that we are in a war should not frighten us, but rather enlighten us as to the divine power available to us from God.

SWORD which is...  
the WORD of GOD:

I endeavor to keep this sword  
always close, nourished by it  
as bread, renewed of mind,  
trusting it to sharply divide,  
teach, correct, prepare and  
equip me for my purpose.



### And He equips us...

*Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit...*

*Ephesians 6:14-18*

You have already been given this armor, fully equipped for all of life's battles when you received Jesus as Lord.

Some are defensive and some are offensive weapons. This sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God is for speaking aloud when you are tempted, as Jesus did in Matthew 4.

But not only that, if we dig into His word, seek Him within it and get to know of His love and character through it, we will be so much more alert and aware, recognizing the temptations when they come.

Once you experience the peace and joy found within it will be worth the extra time you spend daily with the Word. And one day you'll wonder why you didn't pray the way to prayer one day earlier.

### SHIELD of FAITH:

I will hold up my shield to  
extinguish the flaming arrows  
which seek to distract,  
protecting myself, and linking  
up with other warriors, joining  
forces to defend and defeat  
those who threaten the  
Kingdom.



Consider these encouraging verse for your bookmark:

Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You. (Ps 119:11); The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever. (Is 40:8); By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth. (Ps 33:6); My soul melts from heaviness; strengthen me according to Your word. (Ps 119:28); This is my comfort in my affliction, for Your word has given me life. (Ps 119:50); You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in Your word. (Ps 119:114); Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. (Ps 119:105)