

### III. CHOOSE YOUR PRIORITIES (6:33-34)

#### A. Accept Jesus as your Lord (v 33a)

*“that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”* Romans 10:9

*“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,”* II Timothy 3:16

#### B. Believe God will take care of you (v 33b)

*“25 I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread. 26 He is ever merciful, and lends; And his descendants are blessed.”* Psalm 37:25-26

*“18 Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God. 19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”* Philippians 4:18-19

#### C. Consider one day at a time (v 34)

*“Give us this day our daily bread.”* Matthew 6:11

*“So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom.”* Psalm 90:12

#### Are You Tempted By Shopping?

*“No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”*

I Corinthians 10:13

### TEMPTED

#### Tempted By Shopping

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### INTRODUCTION

- A. Temptation can have the appearance of looking good. You take the first bite, but in a short time, it will turn around and bite you! We have all given into temptation only to find ourselves in pain.

*“12 Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.*

*13 Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.*

*14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.*

*15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.*

*16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.”*

James 1:12-16

- B. In this series, come and find hope and relief in dealing with these topics of temptation!

Feb 10	Tempted By Sex
Feb 17	Tempted By Relationships
Feb 24	Tempted By Anger
TODAY	Tempted By Shopping
Mar 10	Tempted By Substance Abuse
Mar 17	Tempted By Food
Mar 24	Tempted By Pride

What’s hidden in the dark is never good!

- C. **Text:** Matthew 6:19-34 (Pew Bible/Page 6/New Testament)

## WHAT TO DO WHEN TEMPTED BY SHOPPING

### I. **FOCUS** YOUR PRIORITIES (6:19-21)

#### A. Treasures on **earth** (v 19)

Earthly treasures are vulnerable to ruin, rust, and robbers.

*“10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.*

*11 Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,”*  
II Peter 3:10-11

#### B. Treasures in **heaven** (v 20)

Heavenly treasures are exempt from ruin, rust, and robbers.

*“Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives.”*  
Hebrews 7:8

#### C. Your use of money reveals your **true** priorities in life (v 21)

### II. **EVALUATE** YOUR PRIORITIES (6:22-33a)

#### A. What are you **looking** for? (vs 22-23)

##### 1. The **healthy** eye (v 22)

*“But my eyes are upon You, O GOD the Lord; In You I take refuge; ...”*  
Psalm 141:8a

*“I will set nothing wicked before my eyes; I hate the work of those who fall away; It shall not cling to me.”*  
Psalm 101:3

##### 2. The **evil** eye (v 23)

*“A man with an evil eye hastens after riches, And does not consider that poverty will come upon him.”*  
Proverbs 28:22

*“10 Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure, For my heart rejoiced in all my labor; And this was my reward from all my labor.*

*11 Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done And on the labor in which I had toiled; And indeed all was vanity and grasping for the wind. There was no profit under the sun.”*  
Ecclesiastes 2:10-11

*“He who loves silver will not be satisfied with silver; Nor he who loves abundance, with increase. This also is vanity.”*  
Ecclesiastes 5:10

#### B. What are you **living** for? (v 24)

##### 1. **God** as master

*“With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!”*  
Psalm 119:10

##### 2. **Greed** as master

*“And He said to them, “Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.”*  
Luke 12:15

#### C. What are you **longing** for (vs 25-33a)

##### 1. Non-Christians seek after the **material** riches of the world (vs 25-32)

*“...For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”*  
I Samuel 16:7b

##### 2. Christians seek after the **spiritual** riches of God’s Kingdom (v 33a)

*“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”*  
II Corinthians 5:10