



The Big Temptation to Prove Yourself

OBJECTIVE

There is a common temptation we all face in ministry to prove ourselves. Even Jesus faced this temptation. This lesson, drawing from Jesus' own temptation and His restoration of Peter, reveals the power of grounding our ministry in love for God, serving others, and trusting His way. Remember, Jesus prays for our faith to remain strong amidst these temptations.

OVERVIEW

- Everyone's Temptation in Ministry
- Jesus' Temptation in the Wilderness (Luke 4)
- Peter's Struggle with Validation & Restoration (John 21)
- The Antidote to Proving Yourself
 - **Love:** Ministry should be founded on love for God and others.
 - **Service:** Focus on serving and caring for people, not seeking significance.
 - **Trust:** Follow Jesus' way and trust in God's plan, not your own.
- The Freedom and Joy of Trusting God
- Conclusion: Jesus' Prayer for Our Faith

VERSES REFERENCED

Luke 4

John 21

Luke 22:32

Luke 15

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY

1. What are some specific ways you can cultivate a deeper love for God and allow that love to be the foundation of your ministry?
2. In what ways have you experienced the temptation to prove or validate your calling in ministry?
3. Are there areas that you trust in yourself more than the love of God?
4. What does it mean to "feed Jesus' sheep" in your context? Who are the people God has called you to serve?

SCRIPTURE FOR FURTHER STUDY

Luke 4

John 21

Matthew 20:25-28

Matthew 6:25-34