

**“Led By The Spirit”**  
**“What Is Your True Nature?”**  
**Luke 4: 1 - 13**  
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*"Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come." (1 Corinthians 10:11 ESV)*

**God's Call For His People To Be A Treasured Possession Requires Purity In Identity, Nature, Station & Might, (1 - 26)**

- Being Chosen As God's People Means That We Must Live Under The Leading Of God's Spirit, (vs. 1 - 13)

**11: 30 2. The leading of God's Spirit many times takes the believer into questions of material provision, (vs. 2 - 4)**

- **Exposition: 2a) “40 days - tempted (Pres.Pas.Part); pressured** *“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.” (Heb. 4:15)*

**2b) “Fasting”** - *““Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my young women will also fast as you do. Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish.”” (Esther 4:16, ESV)*

**2c) “Ended” (Aor.Pas.Part); fully completed** - *“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you, declares the LORD...” (Jeremiah 29:11-14a, ESV)*

**3a) “IF you are the Son of God?”** - *“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.” (1 John 4:1-3, ESV)*

**3b) “Command this stone”** - *“Yet in like manner these people also, relying on their dreams, defile the flesh, reject authority, and blaspheme the glorious ones. But when the archangel Michael, contending with the devil, was disputing about the body of Moses, he did not presume to pronounce a blasphemous judgment, but said, “The Lord rebuke you.”” (Jude 8-9, ESV)*

- **Illustration: 2A&B) Humbled you / Let you hunger                      2C) Fed - taught what fathers did not know**  
**3A) Might know truth of God    3B) Word of God governs life**

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- **Argumentation: 2A&B) “And he humbled you and let you hunger 2C) and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, 3A) that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, 3B) but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.” (Deuteronomy 8:3, ESV)**

- **Application:** So put on the armor the Lord has provided, and place your defense in his unfailing care. Trust him for he will be with you in battle, lighting your path to avoid every snare.

Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord,  
and be of good courage for he is your guide.  
Be strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord,  
and rejoice for the victory is yours.

3. The leading of God's Spirit many times takes the believer into questions of sovereign dominion, (vs. 5 - 8)
4. The leading of God's Spirit many times takes the believer into questions of eternal significance, (vs. 9 - 13)