

# “Turning Around EVIL to LIVE”

Based on Mark 1:12-13 (NIV)

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*Mark 1:12 - At once the Spirit sent him (Jesus) out into the desert,*

† In Jesus’ time, the desert, or wilderness, was considered to be a habitat of demons and wild beasts that were demon possessed.

*Mark 1:13a - and he (Jesus) was in the desert forty days, being tempted by Satan.*

† The New Testament was originally written in Greek.

† In the original Greek, the word used here for tempted (*peirasmos*) literally means “testing.”

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† In order for me to go the farthest in my life that is possible, I will get roughed up.

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† All Christians struggle with temptation.

† It is not a sin to be tempted.

† It becomes a sin when I give in to evil (temptation) or tempt others.

*Mark 1:13 - and he (Jesus) was in the desert forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.*

† God will be with me as I face tests.

† God’s messengers continually support and comfort me in my trials, my tests, and my temptations.

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† In temptation, I can turn to God (LIVE) or turn away from God (EVIL).

## Applying Today’s Message to My Life:

† How have I responded to the rough spots in my life?

† When was the last temptation I faced?  
God was with me. How did I turn, or not turn, to Him?

† When have I turned *to* God (LIVE)?

† When have I turned *from* God (EVIL)?

† What correlations do I see when I turned *to* God and when I turned away *from* God?