

## HOW NOT TO BE A TOOL OF THE TEMPTER

What do you think about?

Matthew 16:20-23

### I. PAY CLOSE ATTENTION TO GOD'S WILL REVEALED THROUGH GOD'S WORD: Jesus begins to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, suffer, be killed and then rise from the dead on the third day (20-21)

A. Jesus requested Identity was temporally concealed from the multitudes (20)

B. Jesus begins from this point on to show His disciples what He must do: Go to  
Jerusalem, suffer, be killed, and be raised from the dead on the third day (21)

### II. RECOGNIZE WHEN YOUR DESIRES AND THINKING ARE CONTRARY TO HIS WILL REVEALED IN HIS WORD, THEN REPENT AND RENEW YOUR MIND: Peter foolishly rebukes the Lord and the Lord reproves Peter, revealing his Satanic thinking, which is in opposition to Him (22-23)

A. Learn from Peter's negative example as he zealously, yet ignorantly and foolishly  
rebukes the Lord based on his own desire (22)

#### B Be taught by our Lords' rebuke of Peter (23)

1. Understand how fast one can go from being blessed (cf17) to thinking and  
acting satanically (23a)

2. Know when our thinking is not lined up with God's Word, we are thinking  
satanically (23a)

3. Know when our thinking is not lined up with God's Word, we are a stumbling  
block to Christ and His will (23b)