

**“I” IN THE MIDDLE**  
**Week 2 – PRIDE & DUPLICITY**  
**04/08/18**

(PROVERBS 11:3) – The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their **duplicity**.

- H5558 (**Celeph**) – “To Twist...To make crooked”
- Came from the root H5557 (**Salaph**) – “To slip; slipperiness”
  - Commonly used around the idea of a BRIBE

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**TEMPTATION**

(GENESIS 3:1-6) – Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’”<sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,<sup>3</sup> but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”<sup>4</sup> “You will not surely die,” the serpent said to the woman.<sup>5</sup> “For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”<sup>6</sup> When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

- *Saw that the fruit was good for food*
- *Pleasing to the eye*
- *Desirable for gaining wisdom*

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**TEMPTATION**

- 1) *Hungry from fasting for 40 days and nights*
- 2) *From the height of the Temple*
- 3) *Looking out over the Kingdoms*

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**TEMPTATION**

(1 JOHN 2:15-17, NKJV) –<sup>15</sup> Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.<sup>16</sup> For all that *is* in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.<sup>17</sup> And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

- 1) **Lust of the Flesh** – (*physical pleasures via sinful paths...not limited to sexual*)...\_\_\_\_\_
- 2) **Lust of the Eye** – (*coveting what’s not yours...lust, envy, greed*)...\_\_\_\_\_
- 3) **Pride of Life** – (*boasting of honor; inflating self above God’s assignment*)...\_\_\_\_\_
  - **Alazon** (pride) – an uncommon term, used almost exclusively of BOASTING

(ROMANS 7:21-8:1) –<sup>21</sup> So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me.<sup>22</sup> For in my inner being I delight in God’s law;<sup>23</sup> but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members.<sup>24</sup> What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?<sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God’s law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.  
**8** Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus...