

Tempted and Tried

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Bible Passage: James 1:13-15

¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. ¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. ¹⁵ Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and when sin is fully matured, it brings forth death.

Big Idea: Proverbs 16:6b "and by _____ one turns away from _____."

#1 - How soon after creation was blame cast upon God? _____

By whom? _____

#2 - Did God tempt David to sin? yes/no How do you know your answer is correct?

#3 – At what age do you finally have no more temptations? _____ **When is a person tempted? When he is** _____ **and** _____.

#4 – Whose fault is temptation (who should we blame? _____

#5 – What made Adam and Eve's temptation so unique? _____

#6 – Fill in the blanks for the equation: _____ + _____ = conception.

#7 – Is it OK to commit adultery as long as it's not physical? yes/no Justify your answer _____

TRUTH INTO ACTION

- Does God have examples of saints that have resisted temptation? Provide at least 2 examples.
- What does God provide to help you battle temptation?

Fighter Memory Verse SEPTEMBER

Psalms 19:7-8

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; ⁸ the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

Pray first



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily for Jesus. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

This lesson is a follow up to the sermon. Please take the time this week to work through it in your community group or around your own kitchen table.

Warm Up: What was your biggest take-away from the message of James 1:13-15?

1. Read James 1:13. Think of an example in your own life where you wanted to blame God for something. Have you been able to resolve that issue? What did God use to help you?
2. Can you think of a temptation that you are gaining victory over? How is God helping you to do so? Can you apply this help to another temptation you are not presently winning?
3. Read James 1:14. When is the best time to prevent succumbing to temptation? Consider 2Peter 2:7-8. Does this provide you with confidence?
4. Read James 1:15. Analogies are sometimes difficult to understand in scripture. Did you have any difficulty with this analogy? Can you think of another analogy in scripture that still troubles you? What resources do you have to resolve this problem?
5. Read 2Sam 13:1-15. Does verse 15 surprise you? How can you use this story to help you in struggle with temptation?

Prayer: Dear Lord, thank you for your word and the many promises there are within it. Help me Lord to be a better student of your word. Give me wisdom Lord, and strength, to ward off temptation when it rears its head against me. And when I fail, help me to run to you for forgiveness. Help me be on “short accounts” with you.