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## James 1:12-16

God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. 13 And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, “God is tempting me.” God is never tempted to do wrong, [a] and he never tempts anyone else. 14 Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. 15 These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death. 16 So don’t be misled, my dear brothers and sisters



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Trials and temptations are a part of life; you cannot go through life without them. Even Jesus, who was born perfect and never sinned, was tempted; even Jesus suffered, although he suffered for our transgressions and not his own. It seems odd to consider it a blessing to face temptation. However, we will be made stronger if we withstand the trial and overcome it. To overcome our trials, we must remain steadfast in our love, faith, and trust in God. These are all gifts from God, granted through his Grace and mercy, and we trust that He will overcome our sinful desires through our love for Him.

