



Title: Practical Living: Trials and Temptations Part 2

Scripture: James 1:9-18

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Bible Version: NKJV

BOTTOM LINE: Wrong thinking leads to wrong living.

Vs. 9

Lowly brother - James says that the lowly brother should glory in their exaltation.

Just because we may be poor doesn't mean that we can't take pride in our position as a believer.

Vs. 10

Rich in his humiliation - James calls the rich to humiliation, or to be humble.

What puff's a person up can also bring them down.

A flower of the field he will pass away - James evokes strong imagery that would be familiar to the audience. You see there were flowers that would grow during certain times of the year.

[Isa 40:7 NIV] The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the LORD blows on them. Surely the people are grass.

Vs. 11

A burning heat - In the NIV this is also called a 'scorching heat'. This region would experience a sirocco, or a seasonal hot wind.

So the rich man also will fade away in his pursuits - James reminds us that rich man will also fade away in his pursuits.

The rich person's glory is misplaced if placed in riches, for all patterns of earthly life will come to a sudden termination. - Guthrie

If a man is only rich in this world, when he dies, he leaves his riches. But if a man is rich before God, when he dies, he goes to his riches. - Guzik

Vs. 12

Blessed is the man who endures temptation - James says we are blessed when we endure temptation. It does not say blessed is the one who is never tempted or conquers temptation with ease.

Blessedness has to do with well-being in life that flows from the favorable position in which one is rightly related to God. - Johnson

He will receive the crown of life - James says that when we endure temptation, we are approved and receive the crown of life. When we faithfully endure difficulties and live for God then we receive a crown.

This crown is reserved for those who, through their faithful perseverance under trial, through an embracing of God's way of wisdom in the world, have demonstrated that they love God. - Guthrie

To those who love Him - This is the motive for enduring and resisting temptation.

The passions of sinful temptation can only really be overcome by a greater passion, and that is a passion for the honor and glory and relationship with God.- Guzik

Vs. 13

Let no one say when he is tempted "I am tempted by God" - It is easy for us to slide into the false thought that God is the author of our temptation.

Two points concerning God:

God cannot be tempted by evil
God does not tempt anyone.

Vs. 14

Each one is tempted - Notice that James says that each one of us is tempted.

When he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed- We are tempted when we are drawn away and enticed.

Temptation has an identifiable source.

Sin always brings forth death. Every time .-Courson

Vs. 15

When desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin - James tells us that sin is birthed from our own lustful desires.

Brings forth death.- Sin is the grandchild of lust. Sin brings forth death.

Sin will take you further than you wanted to go and always cost you more than you realize.

Vs. 16

Do not be deceived - James now provides us with an exhortation. He says do not be deceived.

When we do not have a correct theological position of God and who He is, we ultimately get off track morally.

Beloved brethren - James does not speak from a lofty position. The original language suggest that he refers to his audience as a community.

Vs. 17

Every perfect gift is from above - Whereas lust brings forth sin, and sin brings forth death, we are reminded that every perfect gift comes from God

There is no variation or shadow of turning - God's nature is not like ours. He does not succumb to evil. God is Holy.

God can be nothing but good.- Courson

God's holiness is not simply the best we know infinitely bettered. We know nothing like the divine holiness. It stands apart, unique, unapproachable, incomprehensible, and unattainable. The natural man is blind to it. He may fear God's power and admire His wisdom, but His holiness he cannot even imagine. - Tozer

Vs. 18

Of His own will - God brings us forth by His will alone.

[Jhn 3:16 NKJV] "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

God's Heart - He loves the world.

God's Plan - He gave His only Son.

God's Will - That whoever believes in Him should not perish.

Parents & Kids

TAKE **HOME**

DATE: May 27th, 2018

Bible Story: Story of Joseph (Gen. 37-50)

1. This week's memory verse is Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." How do you see God's promises in the story of Joseph?
2. Things didn't go well for Joseph in the beginning of Joseph's story, but he remained faithful to God. How did God bless Joseph?
3. How did Joseph respond to his brothers when they came to him for food? Do you think it was easy for Joseph to forgive his brothers?
4. How can we be like Joseph when a brother or sister hurts us?
5. God had a bigger plan for Joseph's life than his brothers could have ever imagined. God took a bad situation and used it for good. Can you think of a time when something bad happened to you, but it ended up being better than you could have imagined?

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Discuss

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DO.

1. What does this study reveal to you about God?
2. What does this study reveal to you about yourself?
3. Based on this, what changes do you need to make?
4. What is your prayer for today?



DISCUSS.



1. Read Vs. 12. What type of blessing could come from enduring temptation?
2. Based on Vs. 14, what is the source of temptation?
3. According to Vs. 17, where does every perfect gift come from?

DO.



Anytime you read God's word you have to put things into perspective. You also have to realize that the terms, not words, have meanings. As a group re-read the scriptures that was studied. Try a the Amplified Version and compare that to the NJKV, NIV, ESV, or NASB. Pick a few words and have a group member look that word up on blueletterbible.com or with their app.



