

7. Why does James insist that God cannot be the source of temptation?
8. How do verses 14-15 illustrate the danger of entertaining sinful desires?
9. What does it mean that God is the "Father of lights" with no variation or shadow due to change (v.17)?

***LIVE IT* - How should this change the way I live?**

10. When you face trials, what helps you endure with love for God rather than give in to temptation?
11. Where do you notice your desires pulling you away from God, and how can you guard against being "lured and enticed"?
12. How can remembering God's goodness (vv. 16-18) strengthen you when you feel tempted?
13. What practical step can you take this week to feed endurance and love for God rather than sinful desire?

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JAMES 1:12-18

wisdom grows when fed.

temptation does too.

you choose which one you feed.

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I. THE REWARD FOR ENDURANCE (v. 12)

"Blessed" is a _____ of a person's right relation to God.

The reward: the _____ of life.

How do you know if you love God? _____.

LIVE IT OUT:

Don't quit in the trial; endure in love and step into blessing.

II. THE SOURCE OF TEMPTATION (vv. 14-15)

The word "tempt" carries the idea of being _____ or _____ into sin.

**GOD TESTS FAITH TO REFINE IT
BUT HE NEVER TEMPTS US TO SIN.**

The leading cause of misunderstanding: _____.

James is warning the believer that sometimes you make Satan's _____ really easy.

3-D PRINCIPLE: _____ → _____ → _____

LIVE IT OUT:

*Don't trade God's blessing for temptation's bait.
Choose obedience that truly satisfies.*

III. GOD'S GOOD GIFTS (vv. 16-18)

This could read: "Don't _____ yourselves."

God's gifts don't have hidden hooks or fine print.

Unlike _____, His gifts are always good and always whole.

Temptation comes from _____ us, but gifts come from _____.

This unchanging character guarantees that His _____ will always be good.

Our _____ begins with God, not with us.

In contrast to v.15, where desire "gives birth to sin and death," here _____ to life.

LIVE IT OUT:

When temptation whispers, "God is holding out on you," look at the cross.

#3 DIVE DEEPER STUDY QUESTIONS

JAMES 1:12-18

1. What stuck out the most to you from this week's message?

SEE IT - What do you notice about this passage?

2. According to verse 12, who is considered "blessed" and why?

3. How is God described in verses 13-17? What words or phrases stand out?

4. What contrasts do you see between verses 15 and 17?

5. How does James describe God's role in verse 18?

BELIEVE IT - What does this passage mean?

6. What is the difference between a trial (v. 12) and a temptation (vv. 13-14)?