

Text: James 1:13-18

Paradise Valley Community Church

Topic: Temptations

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Series: James

Title: Growing in Response to Temptations

## Introduction

I. What are \_\_\_\_\_?(v.13)

II. How Does Temptation \_\_\_\_\_? (v.14-15)

III. How Do I \_\_\_\_\_ Temptations? (v.16-18)

Conclusion: Is there a sin you need to look at fighting from a desire level?

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

These questions are provided for further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers will help drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

1. Can you relate to Gabe in the introduction? Do you have a sin pattern you have prayed about and memorized scripture but still rears its ugly head?
2. In your own words, what is a temptation? Turn to Genesis 3:1-19. What do you see about temptation, response, and consequences? Can you relate to the story?
3. The temptation progression goes from desire-sin-death. Why is it important to understand my sinful habits from a desire level? Think about a recent sin. What were you wanting? How did your sin seek to get what you wanted?
4. Fighting temptation is not about removing all desire from your life. It is about replacing your desire for something better, namely God. Review verses 16-18. How is God presented as better than temptations? Contrast His character with yours, His ways compared to yours, and His results compared to yours. Which path is better?

### Recommended Resources

Adams, Jay E. *A Thirst for Wholeness: How to Gain Wisdom from the Book of James*. Woodruff, SC: Timeless Texts, 1988.

Brad Bigney, *Gospel Treason: Betraying the Gospel with Hidden Idols* (P&R Publishing, 2012).

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