

“Living The Gospel In Times of Temptation”

New Hope Community Church
James 1:12-18 / July 11th, 2021

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 - **God's plan for our years on earth is to _____ in loving Him**
 - **A great _____ is promised to all who truly love God**
 - **Our love for God will be _____**
 - Our life on earth is the testing ground for _____
 - Loving God is an _____
2. Avoid a wrong assumption: _____ is tempting me (13)
 - **God _____ be tempted by evil**
 - **God _____ tempt us to do evil**
3. Understand the battle within: I have a sin _____ (14)
 - **My sin nature has lustful _____ that dwell within me**
 - **These desires act as _____ to lure us away from the path of righteousness that the Gospel calls us to (R 1:17)**
4. Be alert to certainty: _____ to lust produces sin (15)
 - **As life begins in the womb, so sin begins in the _____**
 - **Sin is not benign, it is _____**
 - **The warning is emphatic - keep _____ God (16)**
5. Be discerning: Filter _____ thru God's truth (17)
 - **We can be confident that what is of God is _____**
 - **We can rejoice that He is pure and _____**
 - **We were brought forth of the Gospel to bear the fruit of _____ (18)**

Personal Action

Temptation is defeated by a Gospel driven life

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Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Ga 5:24
- By living the Gospel we escape the world's corruption by lust and _____ of the divine nature of Christ in us
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