

James 1:13-18

JAMES

FAITH / WORKS

“How to Handle Temptation”

If we are going to grow in our Christian life, there are **two things we must learn:**

- 1. How to view/face "trials" with a joyful attitude (vs 2-12)**
- 2. How to handle and have victory over temptation (vs 13-18)**

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

God tests us to bring out our worth, it's for our good and for His glory!

Satan tempts us and our lusts and desires tempt us to bring out our worst

IN ORDER TO PROPERLY FACE TEMPTATION, THERE ARE **THREE THINGS** WE NEED TO REMEMBER!

- 1. Remember The Source of Temptation**
- 2. Remember The Course of Temptation**
- 3. Remember That Temptation Can Be Conquered**

1. REMEMBER THE SOURCE OF TEMPTATION (VS 13-14)

13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. 14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:13

13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

**HE TELLS US WHO IS NOT
RESPONSIBLE FIRST:**

A. It Does Not Come From God (VS 13)

- 1. Why would James say this?**
- 2. We often play the "blame" game**
- 3. We often blame God**
- 4. The Reasons Temptation Does Not Come from God (VS 13)**

THE REASONS TEMPTATION DOES NOT COME FROM GOD (VS 13):

- a. For God cannot be tempted with evil.**
- b. Why? Because He is holy!**
- c. Neither does he tempt anyone**

SO WHERE DOES TEMPTATION COME FROM?

- 1. It comes from our own lust and desires (VS 14)**
- 2. We have found the enemy and the enemy is us!**
- 3. The Christian is at War**

APPLICATION

We Must Take Responsibility For Our Sin

Jesus said, "out of the abundance of the heart..."

Stop Shifting The Blame

JAMES GIVES US THREE STEPS IN THE COURSE OF TEMPTATION

A. Desire - (VS 14) "But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed."

1. "**Drawn Away**." It's a fishing term. It means "to lure"

2. "**And enticed**". Literally means "to set the bait"

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B. Disobedience - (VS 15) "Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death."

1. The word picture is now that of "*conception and childbirth*"

2. It's not a sin to be tempted!

3. Jesus was tempted!

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C. Death (VS 15) "and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death."

DESIRE – DISOBEDIENCE – DEATH

PSALM 51-THE THINGS DAVID LOST:

- 1. A Clean Heart**
- 2. His Joy**
- 3. God' presence (Take not your Holy Spirit from me)**

PSALM 32:3-5

When I kept silent, my bones grew old, Through my groaning all the day long. 4 For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. 5 I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

1. REMEMBER SOURCE OF TEMPTATIONS

**2. REMEMBER THE COURSE
(HOW IT GOES, WHERE IT LEADS)**

3. REMEMBER THAT TEMPTATION CAN BE CONQUERED (VS 16-18)

"16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. 18 Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures."

TWO KEYS TO VICTORY

1. Remember God's Goodness (VS 16-17)

A. Don't be deceived (VS 16)

B. God is The Source of all that is good!

C. When we sin, we forget God and His goodness!

JOSEPH IN POTIPHAR'S HOUSE (GENESIS 39)

"Gen 39:8 But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, my master does not know what is with me in the house, and he has committed all that he has to my hand. 9 There is no one greater in this house than I, nor has he kept back anything from me but you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?"

TWO KEYS TO VICTORY

2. Remember You Are His Child (VS 18)

A. The Source of Our New Birth

John 1:12-13

12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: 13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

TWO KEYS TO VICTORY

2. Remember You Are His Child (VS 18)

B. The Instrument of Our New Birth

C. The Purpose of Our New Birth

JAMES 1:18 (NLT)

"18 He chose to give birth to us by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession."

APPLICATION

1. Remember The Goodness of God

2. Remember That I am A Child of God

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