

Temptation & How to Overcome it



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James 1:13–15 (NIV) — 13 When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; **14** but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. **15** Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

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God Is Not The Source Of Temptation (v.13)

- **“Tempt” means “to test”.**
- **He Cannot Be Tempted By Evil**
- **He Does Not Tempt Anyone**

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Why God Doesn't Keep Us From Temptation:

- He Wants Us To Grow And Mature
- He Wants Us To Be Strong
- He Wants Us To Be Overcomers
- He Wants Us To Succeed Not Fail

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Temptation Comes From Within (v.14)

- **Each One Is Tempted By Their Own Evil Desire**
- **They are Dragged Away**
- **They are Enticed**

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Desire Can Conceive (v. 15)

- **Evil Desires Give Birth To Sin**
- **Sin When It Is Conceived Gives Birth To Death**

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Jesus Christ Overcame Temptation

- To Be Like Christ We Too Overcome Temptation

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TEMPT = To Try, To Attempt, To Assay, To Test, To Prove

- ***We Will All Face Temptation In This Life***

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How Was Jesus Tempted?

- **“The tempter came”...**
- Satan = Adversary, Slanderer

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- Satan Proposes A "Dictatorship Of Force"
- God Proclaims A "Reign Of Love"

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We Can Resist Satan's Advances The Same Way That Jesus Did

- Jesus Was Led By The Spirit
- Jesus Used The Word
- We Can Pray “Lord Deliver Me” -- And He Will !

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To Win The Battle Of Temptation:

1. Use The Power Of The Word Of God
2. Battle In God's Strength
3. Don't Put Yourself In Compromising Situations
4. Run Fast From Sin And Temptation

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