

NUTS AND BOLTS: WEEK 3, TACKLING TEMPTATION

James 1:12-18

James 1:12 "Blessed is the man that endures temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to them that love him."

God uses **Trials** to help us grow

Satan uses **Temptations** to cause us to sin

TO TACKLE TEMPTATION I MUST...

1. Attack it honestly

James 1:13 "when tempted ... "

1 Corinthians 10:13 "No temptation has seized you except what is common to man ..."

2. Attack it responsibly

James 1:13 "When tempted, no one should say, 'God is tempting me.' For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone."

3. Attack it defensively

James 1:14-16 "Each one is tempted when, by his own evil desires, he is dragged away and enticed ... Don't be deceived, my dear brothers."

2 Corinthians 2:11 "In order that Satan might not outwit us, we are not unaware of his schemes."

To really understand how temptation works in my life I must understand that it always....

James 1:14-15 but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

Starts with **Desire**.

"Each person is tempted when, by his own evil desires ... "

Moves to **Deception**.

"... he is dragged away and enticed ..."

Plays out as **Disobedience**.

"Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin"

Ends in **Death**.

"and sin, when full grown gives birth to death."

So to tackle temptation I must.....

4. Constantly be refocusing

5. Be born again

James 1:18 "He chose to give us birth through the word of truth that we might be a kind of first fruit of all that he created."

1 Corinthians 10:13 "... God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it!"