

FATAL ATTRACTION

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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. ¹⁵ Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

James 1:13-16 (NKJV)

A Fatal Attraction is...

A desire for someone or something so powerful that it ultimately leads to one's downfall.

TEMPTATION

How Do We Handle Temptation?

1. Don't be surprised by it, **expect it.**

*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. **James 1:13 (NKJV)***

Temptation is **universal**

Temptation is **inevitable**

Temptation is **personal**

2. Don't be confused by it, **understand it.**

*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. **James 1:13 (NKJV)***

*The man said, "**The woman you put here with me**, she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "**The serpent deceived me**, and I ate."*

Genesis 3:12-13 (NIV)

*Then Jesus was **led up by the Spirit** into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. **Matthew 4:1(NIV)***

The Fatal Attraction Process:

- It begins with **DESIRE**

But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.
James 1:14 (NKJV)

- It leads to **DECEPTION**

But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.
James 1:14 (NKJV)

- It results in **DISOBEDIENCE**

Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin... **James 1:15a (NKJV)**

- It ends in **DEATH**

And sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. **James 1:15b (NKJV)**

3. Don't be deceived by it, **reject it.**

Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. **James 1:16 (NKJV)**

The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, He will show you a way out so that you can endure."
1 Corinthians 10:13 (NLT)

