

...When We Feel Tempted

Where Is God? | Part 9 | Pastor Vince DiPaola

Happy is the man who doesn't give in and do wrong when he is tempted, for afterwards he will get as his reward the crown of life that God has promised those who love him.

James 1:12, LB

God's Plan To Help Us Understand & Defeat Temptation

(James 1:12-18)

I. THE REASON BEHIND EVERY TEMPTATION

When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed.

James 1:13-14, NIV

No, a man's temptation is due to the pull of his own inward desires, which greatly attract him.

James 1:14, JB

The temptation to sin is not from God. It comes when we focus on our DESIRES OVER OUR DESTINY.

II. THE RESULTS OF ENGAGING IN TEMPTATION

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

James 1:15, NIV

Stage 1) Conception: We think it's PRETTY GOOD.

Stage 2) Birth: We realize it's REALLY BAD.

Stage 3) Death: We experience its PAINFUL RESULTS.

III. THE RESISTANCE FROM GOD FOR TEMPTATION

1. Do not be fooled by the INITIAL APPEAL of it.

Don't be deceived, my dear brothers.

James 1:16, NIV

To those without good judgment, [Folly] says, "Stolen water is refreshing; food eaten in secret tastes the best!" But the men don't realize that her former guests are now in the grave.

Proverbs 9:16b-18, NLT

2. Determine the ULTIMATE SOURCE behind it.

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights [God], who does not change like the shifting shadows.

James 1:17, NIV

But whatever is good and perfect comes to us from God, the Creator of all light...

James 1:17a, LB

3. Depict the FINAL FUTURE IMPACT from it.

By His [God's] own will He brought us into being through the word of truth, so that we should have first place among all his creatures. **James 1:18, TEV**

Don't be misled. Remember that you can't ignore God and get away with it. You will always reap what you sow! **Galatians 6:7, NLT**

4. Depend on GOD'S WAY OF ESCAPE out of it.

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And 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. **1 Corinthians 10:13, NIV**

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