

James: Practical Daily Faith
Part 3 – Enduring Temptation
James 1:9–18

I. Enduring Temptation Is On Purpose

James 1:9–13

God Teaches Humility

- Whether poor or rich, God shows no partiality.
- Every believer stands on equal ground at the Cross.
- Humility positions us to receive God's grace.
- Earthly possessions fade, but Christ remains.

Keep Your Focus

- Don't let wealth—or the lack of it—become your pursuit.
- We cannot serve God and material things.
- God calls us to endure temptation with our eyes fixed on Christ.

God's Promise

- Blessed is the one who endures temptation.
- Those who love Christ receive the **Crown of Life**.

Notes:

II. Entertaining Temptation Is Pointless

James 1:14–18

God Is Not the Author of Temptation

- God allows temptation but never tempts us to sin.
- He uses temptation to strengthen our faith and glorify Himself.
- We are called to watch, pray, and seek His wisdom.

The Progression of Sin

- Temptation is not sin.
- Lust is desiring what we want above what God wants.
- Entertaining lust produces sin.
- Sin, when finished, brings death.

James' Final Reminder

- "Do not err, my beloved brethren."
- Every good and perfect gift comes from God.
- As His children, we are called to bear the fruit of Christ, not the works of the flesh.

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Practical Application

- **Endure** temptation through humility.
- **Recognize** temptation without entertaining it.
- **Trust** God's goodness and wisdom.
- **Yield** daily to the Word and the Spirit.

Temptation may be unavoidable, but entertaining it is a choice. God gives grace to endure, wisdom to discern, and strength to overcome.