

James 1:12-18

Temptation Island

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James 1:14-15 - Each one is *tempted* when he's drawn away by his own desires and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it's full-grown, brings forth *death*.

1. You Need to Understand the Source of Temptation.

v. 13 - Let no one say when he's tempted, "I'm tempted by God"

#1 - People blame God for their circumstances.

1 Cor. 10:13 - God won't allow you to be tempted above that which you are able, but will with the temptation make the way of escape that you may be able to bear it.

#2 - People blame God for their disposition.

v. 13 - Let no one say when he's tempted, "I'm tempted by God"; for God *can't* be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.

v. 3 - the testing of your faith produces patience which produces completeness.

v. 2 - My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various/*many colored* trials.

v. 14 - Each one is tempted when he's drawn away by *his own desires* and enticed.

2. You Need to Understand the Course of Temptation.

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#1 - Desire

v. 14 - But each one is tempted when he's drawn away by his own desires and enticed.

Warren Wiersbe: *A temptation is an opportunity to accomplish a good thing in a bad way.*

Hebrews 13:4 - Marriage should be honored by all and the marriage bed kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers.

#2 - Deception

v. 14 - Each one is tempted when he's drawn away by his own desires and enticed.

1 Cor. 10:12 - Let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

#3 - Disobedience

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v. 15 - then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to *sin*.

Ralph Waldo Emerson: “*Sow a thought and you reap an action; sow an act and you reap a habit; sow a habit and you reap a character; sow a character and you reap a destiny.*”

#4 - Death

v. 15 - When desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it's full-grown, brings forth *death*.

v. 12 - Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the *crown of life* which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

v. 17 - Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

#1 - God gives only good gifts.

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#2 - God's gifts are constant.

Lam. 3:22-23 - The steadfast love of the LORD *never ceases*; his mercies *never come to an end*; they are new *every morning*.

#3 - God doesn't change.

v. 17 - Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is *no variation or shadow of turning*.

2 Sam. 12:7-8 - "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. I gave you your master's house and his wives and the kingdoms of Israel and Judah. And if that hadn't been enough, I would have given you much more.'"

Proverbs 24:16 - A righteous man may fall seven times, but he gets up.

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1. You need to understand the _____ of Temptation.

How do people blame God for temptation today?

#1 - People blame God for their _____.

#2 - People blame God for their _____.

2. You need to understand the _____ of Temptation.

#1 - _____

#2 - _____

#3 - _____

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#4 - _____

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

#1 - God gives only _____.

#2 - God's gifts are _____.

#3 - God doesn't _____.