

BACK to BASICS

Lesson 3 - Fighting Temptation

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James 1:13-18 ¹³ Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: ¹⁴ But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. ¹⁵ Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. ¹⁶ Do not err, my beloved brethren. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. ¹⁸ Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. **(KJV)**

Testing and trials deal with your _____. Temptation deals with your _____.

(V. 13) The word temptation in verse 13 is the word _____ which means to solicit to sin. James is clear God does not tempt us to sin. What about Genesis 22:1? The word used there means _____ which is consistent with what James is saying here. As Christians when we fall to temptation we should:

- _____.
- Confess them to God.
- _____.

THE FOUR DS OF DEALING WITH TEMPTATION (V.14 & 15)

- #1. _____. This word is akin to the word lust in verse 14. When _____ is fulfilled outside of the will of God, it becomes _____.
- #2. _____. The word enticed there is the same word as delezao in the Greek. The phrase carries the idea of _____.
- #3. _____. This is what sin is at its core.
A. Fighting temptation is a matter of _____.
B. Fighting temptation is a matter of _____.
- #4. DEATH.

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UNDERSTANDING OUR GOOD GOD (V. 16-18) The verb tense suggests that this is something that the people _____.

If God doesn't tempt us, then what is it that God gives?

- A. God only gives _____.
- B. God is so good that the _____ He gives is good. He gives in _____.
- C. God is so good that He _____.
- D. God is so good that He _____.

In verse 18, James returns to the theme of giving birth. He tells us God has given birth to us by _____.

Look at what God gave us:

- 1. God gave us _____.
- 2. Because of that, we are able to become _____.

Mature Christians: _____