

## Where Do Temptations Come From?

James 1:13-16

### I. INTRODUCTION (James 1:1)

### II. WALK BY FAITH (James 1:2-3:12)

#### A. The Testing of Faith (James 1:2-18)

1. James identifies a close personal relationship with the original readers who are both his countrymen and his BROTHERS and SISTERS in Christ. (James 1:2)
  2. James began his message on practical righteousness with some direction concerning TRIALS. (James 1:2)
  3. James revealed that trials have a PURPOSE and are DESIGNED to produce PATIENCE. (James 1:3)
  4. The intended result of our trials is our MATURITY. (James 1:4)
  5. If we are going to live righteously in our trials we need DIVINE WISDOM. (James 1:5-8)
  6. The attitude that Christians need in trials is one of DEPENDENCE upon God. (James 1:9-12)
  7. Do not \_\_\_\_\_ God for the temptation to \_\_\_\_\_ but recognize that we sin because we \_\_\_\_\_ to our \_\_\_\_\_. (James 1:13-16)
    - The words “tempt” and “tempted,” are translated from the \_\_\_\_\_ Greek word as “trial” which mean to test, try, or tempt. (James 1:2, 13-14)
    - However, we must recognize that there is a substantial \_\_\_\_\_ between the meaning of the word “trial” in verse 2-3 and the word “tempt” in verses 13-14.
    - The meaning of the word depends on the \_\_\_\_\_ in which it is used.
    - Trials are designed by \_\_\_\_\_ for the purpose of testing your \_\_\_\_\_, to bring you to \_\_\_\_\_. (James 1:2-4; 1 Pet. 1:6)
    - God is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ nor does He cause anyone to sin, that would be in opposition to His \_\_\_\_\_. (James 1:13; Job 4:17; Ps. 12:6; 19:8; 1 Jn. 3:3)
    - Temptations are \_\_\_\_\_ given by God, they are enticements to \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 3:6; Matt. 4:1-4; James 1:14)
    - All instances of trials and temptations are a \_\_\_\_\_ of one’s \_\_\_\_\_. (James 1:2; 2 Cor 13:5)
- ✓ What is the testing of your faith NOT proving?

- ✓ The important lesson learned here is \_\_\_\_\_ whether you have faith (you do) but rather what is the \_\_\_\_\_ of your faith.
  - In any type of trial or temptation you are free to \_\_\_\_\_ to walk in dependence upon \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_. (James 1:2; 1 Pet. 1:6-7; 1 Cor. 10:13; 2 Pet. 2:9)
  - But if we choose to sin in our temptations, we must recognize that the \_\_\_\_\_ of our sin is not \_\_\_\_\_ but \_\_\_\_\_ sinful desires. (Gen. 3:6; James 1:14; 1 Jn. 2:15-17)
  - What is the pathway of sin?
    - ✓ There is an \_\_\_\_\_ (temptation/drawn away).
    - ✓ There is a \_\_\_\_\_ (enticement/trap).
    - ✓ There is \_\_\_\_\_ to sin (conception).
    - ✓ The result is \_\_\_\_\_. (James 1:15; Rom. 6:23)
  - What if we sin? We \_\_\_\_\_ our sin and God will \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ fellowship (1 Jn. 2:1; 1:9)
  - Can we prevent sin?
  - James purpose in explaining temptations was so that they would \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_ to think God could or would \_\_\_\_\_ them to sin. (James 1:16)
  - Why is this all important?
- We are not to \_\_\_\_\_ God for our sin when we are \_\_\_\_\_ but realize the true source of sin, our \_\_\_\_\_.