

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 BLAME God for the temptation to SIN but recognize that we sin because we YIELD to our SIN NATURE. (James 1:13-16)
8. Do not be deceived, only _____ come from our _____ so that we may bring _____ to Him. (James 1:16-18)
 - God doesn't want us to be _____ into thinking that He is the source of our temptation. (James 1:16)

✓ Who are the ones that could be deceived?

✓ What are 3 sources of temptation?

✓ Which of these in particular is James addressing here?

- ✓ What is the result of temptation yielded to?

- ✓ Do not be deceived into believing that temptation is _____ by God!

- God isn't the source of our temptation, instead, God gives _____ gifts to us. (James 1:17)

- ✓ These gifts are _____ in nature and _____ our _____.

- ✓ The gifts are good and will always be good because the source of them _____.

- ✓ God gives us good gifts because He _____. (Matt. 7:7-11 cf Luke 11:11-13; Rom 5:8; Gal 4:6; Rom. 8:15; Jam. 1:5; 1 Jn. 4:9-11)

- God's good gift to you is _____. (James 1:18)

- ✓ It is the _____ of God that you are _____. (James 1:18; 1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9)

- ✓ The means of salvation is the _____. (Rom. 10:17; 1 Cor. 4:15; 2 Thes. 2:13; 1 Pet. 1:23-25)

- ✓ God's purpose for you in salvation is that you become _____ for God in _____. (Rom. 6:4; 8:4; 12:1-2; 2 Cor. 4:2; Gal. 5:16; Eph. 5:2, 8, 15; Col. 1:10; 4:5)