

How To Win Over Temptation

Developing a Faith That Works - Part 4

James 1:12-18

James 1:12 (NKJV) 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.

"Peirasmos"

Trials (from God) - to help us grow

Temptations (from Satan) - to cause us to sin

HOW CAN I WIN OVER TEMPTATION?

1. BE REALISTIC (vs.13a)

"when tempted ... "

"No temptation has seized you except what is common to man ..."

2. BE RESPONSIBLE (vs. 13b)

"When tempted, no one should say, 'God is tempting me.' For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone."

3. BE READY (vs. 14-16)

"Each one is tempted when, by his own evil desires, he is dragged away and enticed ... Don't be deceived, my dear brothers."

"In order that Satan might not outwit us, we are not unaware of his schemes." 2 Cor. 2:11

HOW TEMPTATION WORKS (vs. 14-15)

* **DESIRE**

"Each one is tempted when, by his own evil desires ... "

* **DECEPTION**

"... he is dragged away and enticed ..."

* **DISOBEDIENCE**

"Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin"

* **DEATH**

"and sin, when full grown gives birth to death."

4. BE **REFOCUSED** (vs. 17)

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights ..." Philippians 4:8

5. BE **REBORN** (vs. 18)

"... God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it!" 1 Cor. 10:13