

Lesson 4 - James 1:13-18 - Temptations

What Are They? (13-15)	How Do You Deal With Them?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - not being tempted by God (13) - We can endure temptations in our life (I Cor 10:13) - You have a choice - use God's way of escape OR we can do it our own way and give in - God can't be tempted by evil and does not tempt anyone - We are tempted when we are carried away by our own lusts (14) - Sin is a process of wrong thinking and wrong mindset - Progression - carried away by your lust - lust conceived gives birth to sin - sin brings forth death <p>Carried away = wild game being lured into a trap - drawn to their own deaths - what promises to be good actually is harmful</p> <p>Enticed = baiting a hook, to delude, charm, enchant</p> <p>Lust = strong desire to acquire something to fulfill the flesh - Ro 7:8-25; Mt 15:18-20</p>	<p>Don't let Satan get a foothold in your life (Js 4:7-8; Eph 4:26-29)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resist the devil - he will flee - Draw near to God - Cleanse our hands and purify our hearts - Forgiveness (Ro 12:17-20) - Thinking properly - filling our minds with God's Word and God's thoughts not allowing Satan to whisper thoughts (Pr 4:23; II Cor 10:5; Col 3:2; Joshua 1:8; Matt 6:22-23/I Jn 4:1; Phil 4:8) - Desire what pleases God (Lk 6:45)

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How Does Satan Use Them?	How Did Jesus Overcome Them?
<p>How Does Satan Get a Foothold?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Distraction - busyness, no time for God, pull you away from your walk (Ps 46:10 - be still and know that I am God) - Delay - I will wait for a better time, when life gets back to normal . . . , I don't know enough right now to help anyone else - Discouragement - non-realistic expectations, Satan robs us of our joy - closed doors are God's way of moving us - no situation is hopeless when God is in control - Distortion - the devil will twist truth and then send us down the road of wrong thinking - amplify existing problems - see ourselves as victims instead of empowered children of God - Doubt - if we doubt God's goodness, power, character and we let that fester - it will begin eroding our faith 	<p>Matt 4:1-11 God uses Satanic tempting to serve His purpose (Job)</p> <p>Jesus was tempted in all the ways we are tempted (3 points) - He 4:15; I Jn 2:16</p> <p>1) lust of the flesh (3-4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - since you are the Son of God turn the stones into bread - Violate God's plan and use your own power to satisfy your hunger - Jesus' response - Quotes Scripture - Dt 8:3 - God allowed Israel to become hungry to teach them His provision - teach them trust - they were to be fed spiritually <p>2) lust of the eyes (8-10)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I will give you all the kingdoms right now - Ruler of this world (Jn 12:31; 14:40: 16:11), god of this world (II Cor 4:4), world lies in his power (I Jn 5:19; cf Dan 10:13; Eph 6:10ff) - Price - fall down and worship Satan - Response - Dt 6:13-14 - Scripture - Worship God and serve Him only <p>3) boastful pride of life (5-6)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - trust in Himself alone - Satan twists Scripture - test God instead of trusting God - Response - don't put God to the test - Dt 6:16 - the people didn't trust God - they put their trust Moses (Ex 17:2-7)

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Blame Game	Don't Be Deceived (16-17)	Best Gift (18)
<p>Responsibility for our actions or blame others?</p> <p>Gen 3:8-13 - they chose not to obey God - they both made their own choices</p> <p>When confronted they blamed someone else</p> <p>We don't want to take the consequences of our actions</p> <p>How do we take responsibility?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I Cor 10:13 - We recognize sin and call it what it is - sin is sin - We stop justifying our sin - Recognize that we made a deliberate choice <p>Stop blaming others and take responsibility</p> <p>God is working through the problems in our life - don't blame God and don't try to squirm out of it but allow God to use it to bring you to maturity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - don't blame God for temptations - They come from your sin nature - Blame belongs to you (your decisions) <p>What God does Give?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - gives what is good and perfect - Choice is do you want God's good or do you want to chase the bait of Satan - God is gracious and gives everything that is perfect <p>Father of lights - Jewish expression</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God as Creator including the sun, moon, and stars <p>Variation and shifting shadow - they change position and varying shadows</p> <p>God doesn't change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - He 13:8 - He's the same yesterday, today, and forever - Mal 3:6; I Jn 1:5 	