



FACING TEMPTATION

James 1 : 12 to 18

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- 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.
- ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.
- ¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.
- ¹⁵ Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

James 1:

¹⁶ Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

¹⁸ Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of His creatures.

James 1: Challenges

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**.

1) False: Direct relation-Temptation and Reward, Get the Reward, on the condition of enduring the Temptation: Conditional love.

True: Direct relation-Temptation and Loving God. Because we love God, we endure the Temptation: Unconditional love.

2) The word 'Temptation' is replaced with 'Trial'. Not accurate because subsequent verses are about Temptation.

James 1: Challenges

¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by **his own desires** and enticed.

Sinful desires are used like 'evil desires' or 'lust'.

Not accurate.

Sin must be in us to have **sinful desires**.

But, V15 suggests that **sinful desire gave birth to sin**.

'**Put the cart before the horse**', reversing the order.

LET GOD
DIRECT ALL
OUR DESIRES



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Temptation may appear like something good, like a gift...





TRUE
GIFTS

GOOD GIFTS

PERFECT GIFTS

His gifts
come from

His Word

TRUE
GIFTS

GOOD GIFTS

PERFECT GIFTS



KINGDOM PEOPLE

FIRST FRUITS

We are the first fruits,
New kind,
Introduce ourselves,
New characteristics.



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Paraphrase:

Blessed is the man who endures the testing of his faith through temptation that he faced, for when he has passed the test and approved, he will receive a reward, the crown of life which the Lord has promised those who love Him.

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(Attention : **'drawn away'** and **'own desires'**)

James 1:14,15

Own Desires

- Drawn Away from God
- Dead Works
- 'Bad' Gifts

- Example: Dead Works
- Bless the Poor
- Food, Clothing, Money, Homes, etc

God Directs Desires

- Good works
- Good gifts

- Example: Good Works
- Bless the Poor
- Clean Drinking Water Only

HEART-SEARCHING QUESTIONS

- **Has the Heart begun to love self, to love the flesh?**
- **Given into temptation? Given into lusts?**
- **Because there is an emptiness of the heart?**
- **And the void is now satisfied by lusts?**
- **Has God a place in our heart?**
- **Is God the Lord of our heart?**
- **Are we being faithful to God?**

Deuteronomy 6:4-6

⁴ “Hear, **O Israel:** [a]**The LORD our God,** the LORD *is* one!

⁵ **You shall love the LORD your God** with all **your heart**, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

⁶ “And **these words** which I command you today shall be in **your heart.**

Love God with all your heart.



Give God your heart
Let Him be the director:
Direct you heart
Direct your desires.

Let God direct all our desires.

