




The Father Who Gives

James 1.17

Support for the Difficulties in Life



*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.*

James 1:17 (New King James Version)



Chapter 1

The Book of

JAMES
Basic Christian Behavior



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Trials



Temptations



Trials



- **Count** it Joy vs. 2
- **Know** vs. 3
 - Faith is always tested
 - Testing for us not against
 - Testing to mature us

Trials



- **Count** it Joy vs. 2
- **Know** it Produces vs. 3
- **Let** Patience vs. 4

Patience is not passive acceptance of circumstances.

BUT

Patience = courageous perseverance in face of difficulty

Trials



- **Count** it Joy vs. 2
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...we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Romans 5:3-4

Trials



- **Count** it Joy vs. 2
- **Know** it Produces vs. 3
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...imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Hebrews 6:12

Trials



- **Count** it Joy vs. 2
- **Know** it Produces vs. 3
- **Let** Patience vs. 4

For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise:

Hebrews 10:36

Trials



- **Count** it Joy vs. 2
- **Know** it Produces vs. 3
- **Let** Patience vs. 4

**We must surrender our wills to walking the Father's way
If we do not we end up more like children than mature
believers.**

Trials



- **Count** it Joy vs. 2
- **Know** it Produces vs. 3
- **Let** Patience vs. 4
- **Ask** for Wisdom vs. 5

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

James 1:5

Trials



Count – Know – Let – Ask

God desires mature people

...doing the will of God from the heart, with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men...

Ephesians 6:6-7

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- **The Process of Sin**
- **The Goodness of God**

Temptations



The Process of Sin

Temptations



Our flesh often seeks to blame God for our sin

The evil one deceives us into going against God's ways

The Process of Sin

- **Desire** vs. 14
 - Satisfy desires outside of way of God
 - The desires must be our servants not our masters

Temptations



The Process of Sin

- **Desire** vs. 14
- **Deception** vs. 14
 - **Drawn Away**
 - “baiting a trap”
 - **Enticed**
 - “To bait a hook”

Temptations



The Bate Keeps us from seeing the consequences of sin

The Process of Sin

- **Desire** vs. 14
- **Deception** vs. 14
- **Disobey** vs. 15
 - I just feel like it

Temptations



Desire – Emotions
Intellect – Deception
Feelings - Bring Acts

Children operate on the basis of their feelings
Adults operate on the basis of their will
Immature believers let their feelings make decisions

The Process of Sin

- **Desire** vs. 14
- **Deception** vs. 14
- **Disobedience** vs. 15
- **Death** vs. 15

Temptations



Desire – Emotions
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Feelings - Bring Acts

Disobedience gives birth to death not life.

*So when the woman **saw** that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree **desirable** to make one wise, she **took** of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.*

Temptations



Genesis 3:5-6

But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

2 Corinthians 11:3

Temptations



The Process of Sin

- **Desire** vs. 14
- **Deception** vs. 14
- **Disobey** vs. 15
- **Death** vs. 15

Temptations



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The more you exercise your will and say no to temptations, the more God will take control of your life.

Next

The Goodness of God

Temptations



The evil one tries to convince us that the Father:
Is holding out on us
Does not really love us

The Goodness of God

- God gives only good gifts
- God give the best gift
- God continually gives
 - It keep on coming down
- God never changes
 - The sun never changes

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The Father constantly gives good and proper gifts to us and that will never change.



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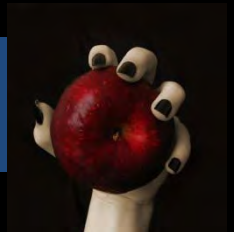
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- **Count – Know – Let – Ask**
- **Trials are for our maturing**
- **God desires mature believers who act upon their will and not emotions**

Temptations



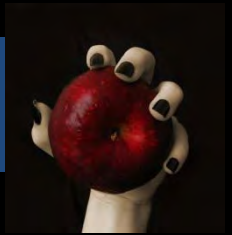
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Temptations

- **God does not tempt to sin**
- **Sin leads to death**
- **God provides good gifts**
- **He continually provides**
- **He will never change but continue to love you**

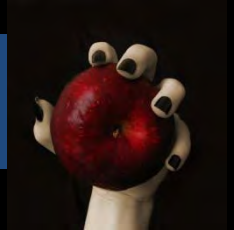
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*Blessed is the man who endures temptation;
for when he has been approved,
he will receive the crown of life
which the Lord has promised
to those who love Him.*

James 1:12



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