

## "STANDING IN THE FACE OF TESTING AND TEMPTATION"

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JAMES 1:12-18

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### Introduction

1. Every \_\_\_\_\_ can also be a \_\_\_\_\_.

**James 1:2-4** – Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, <sup>3</sup>for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. <sup>4</sup>And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

**James 1:12** – Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

**James 1:13** – Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.

**1 Corinthians 10:13** – No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

2. There is one cause for sin – your \_\_\_\_\_ for it.

**James 1:14-15** – But each person is **tempted** when he is **lured** and **enticed** by his own **desire**. <sup>15</sup>Then **desire** when it has **conceived** gives **birth to sin**, and sin when it is **fully grown** brings forth **death**.

**Romans 13:14** – But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**Ephesians 2:3** – among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

3. How does one break the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of sin?

a. Remember \_\_\_\_\_ is being tested.

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b. Lean in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

**James 1:16-17** – Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup>Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

c. Remember \_\_\_\_\_.

**James 1:18** – Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

**Romans 7:21-25** – So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

d. Know and abide in the \_\_\_\_\_.

**John 8:31-32** – So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

"The only way to break the hold of a beautiful object on the soul is to show it an object even more beautiful." – Thomas Chalmers

"This love is not a duty one performs. It is a delight one prefers. It is an affection before it is a commitment." – Thomas Chalmers

### Conclusion