

TEMPTATION
November 28, 2021

James 1:12-17

Four Ways to Beat Temptation James 1:12-17

1. Be _____

James 1:13

_____ is tempted.

1 Corinthians 10:13a (NIV)

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

Expect to be tempted!

2. Be _____ v.13

James 1:13b (NIV)

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

3. Be _____

1 Corinthians 10:12 (NIV)

So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!

Know the Four Downward Steps of Temptation

Step 1: _____

v.14a "but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desires..."

Step 2: _____

v.14b "he is dragged away and enticed..."

"dragged away" = "snared in a _____"

"enticed" = "lured by _____"

Step 3: _____ obedience

v.15a "Then after desire has conceived it gives birth to sin."

Step 4: _____

v.15b "and sin, when it is full grown, gives birth to death."

How do you stop this downward spiral?

4. Be _____

James 1:17 (NIV)

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

We have a tendency to _____ in the direction we focus our attention

So focus on _____ and His good things.

Philippians 4:8