

James 1:13-15

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. ¹⁴ But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

Temptation

This life is filled with the temptations of the world (1 John 2:16), the lies of the enemy (John 8:44), and the sinful desires of our flesh (Romans 6:12). What do we do when we feel enticed to sin? What is the source of evil, and how do we overcome temptation?

1. Read James 1:13-15 and put a triangle over **God** (including any pronouns).

Reflect: What do you learn about God from these verses? Does God lead us into sin? How do you know from these verses?

2. Read James 1:13-15 again and underline every reference to **tempted** and circle every reference to **sin**.

Reflect: What do you learn from each place you marked tempted? What is the progression described? How does it begin? What is the end result?

What a beautiful truth to memorize, meditate on, and cling to—God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone! We are tempted when we are carried away by our own lusts. Yet Christ has the victory!