

Is Your Faith Working?

A Study of James

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"How To Overcome Temptations"

_____ are designed by God in order to help us grow.
_____ are designed by the devil to cause us to sin.

"Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him." (James 1:12)

#1. Be _____

*"No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man..."
(1 Corinthians 10:13 NKJV)*

*"(Jesus) was tempted in every way that we are, but did not sin."
(Hebrews 4:15 TEV)*

#2. Be _____

"When tempted, no one should say, 'God is tempting me.' For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He tempt anyone." (James 1:13)

#3. Be _____

"Be on your guard and stay awake..." (1 Peter 5:8 CEV)

*"Keep alert and pray. Otherwise temptation will overpower you."
(Matthew 26:41 NLT)*

"Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." (Ephesians 6:11)

*"Each one is tempted when, by his own evil desires, he is dragged away and enticed ... Don't be deceived my dear brothers..."
(James 1:14,16)*

"...we are not unaware of his (Satan's) schemes." (2 Cor. 2:11)

HOW TEMPTATION WORKS (James 1:14-15)

(1) _____

"Each one is tempted when, by his own evil desires..."

(2) _____

"...he is dragged away and enticed ..."

(3) _____

"Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin..."

(4) _____

"...and sin, when it is full-grown gives birth to death."

#4. Be _____

"...be transformed by the renewing of your mind." (Rom. 12:2)

"Fix your thoughts on what is true and honorable and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise." (Phil. 4:8)

#5. Be _____

"He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first-fruits of all He created." (James 1:18)

*"...God is faithful. He will keep the temptation from becoming so strong that you can't stand up against it. When you are tempted, He will show you a way out so that you will not give in to it."
(1 Corinthians 10:13 NLT)*

Unless otherwise noted, all scripture references are taken from
The New International version of the Bible.