

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

Quotes to Ponder

What the Bible tells us is sin is not just breaking the rules. Sin begins when something becomes your paramour rather than God. Something becomes the author of your self-esteem.

Timothy Keller

*“Why am I still here? What does the Lord yet have for me to do?”
The answer is, “He may have nothing for you to do but to love Him another year.”*

Daniel M. Doriani

God is not trying His hardest to make you fail when He sends trials and tests Your way.

Gave Fluhrer

Either sin must die or the sinner.

Thomas Manton

Were there no Satan there would still be wickedness; were every prospect pleasing, human nature would still be vile. The enemy is not only within the camp, within the heart; the enemy is the heart itself.

J.A. Motyer

Satan tempts, God tries. But the same trial may be both a temptation and a trial... just as Job suffered from Satan, and it was a temptation, he also suffered from God through Satan, and so it was a trial to him.

Charles Spurgeon

Satan’s great strategy in temptation is to convince us that the pursuit of our corrupt desires will somehow produce life and goodness for us. If we remember that Satan only comes to steal, and to kill, and to destroy (John 10:10), then we can more effectively resist the deceptions of temptation.

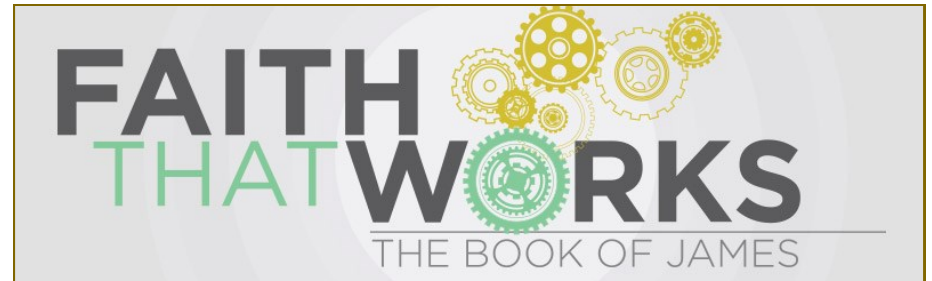
David Guzik

If temptation struck no responsive chord, it would not be temptation.

Sower Krant

*Each of our various trials in some way or other
is a test of our love for God.*

Charles Hodge



#6 Trial to Temptations (1:12-16)

Sermon
Notes

February 10, 2019

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you?
2. What is the blessing of *James 1:12*?
3. How do we know if we love God? Do you have Scripture to back it up?
4. Read *Genesis 22:1* and *Matthew 4:1*. What is the difference between a *trial* and a *temptation*?
5. What does James warn us against when we experience temptations (*James 1:13*)?
6. Why cannot God be tempted with evil (*James 1:13*)? Can you support your answer with Scripture?
7. What promise do we have that God knows the limit of the trials we can handle?
8. Who is exempt from facing temptations (*James 1:13-14*)?
9. Where do our temptations come from according to *James 1:14*?

Why is it important to recognize the source of our sin as being our own *lust*?

10. What is the imagery behind *carried away and enticed* (*James 1:14*)?
11. When desires for evil entice us, should we just deny them (*Titus 2:11-12*; *1 Peter 2:11*)?
12. Although fallen man's nature has a desire for evil, is everyone's desire the same? Explain.
13. How does James personify *desire/lust* in *James 1:15*?
14. What are the steps of how our desires lead to death (*James 1:15*)?

At what point should we deal with sin? Why?
15. What does sin result in (*James 1:15*)? Could that include the believer? Explain.
16. What aren't we to be deceived of (*James 1:16*)?
17. What is the end result of enduring trials (*James 1:2-4*)? Of giving in to temptation (*James 1:13-15*)?

Reflection Questions: Who do I blame for my sin? Others? Satan & his demons? What do I desire and love more than God?