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UNDERSTANDING AND OVERCOMING TEMPTATION

JAMES 1:13-18 | BIBLE PAGE #608 >>>>>

Temptation begins with an alluring _____. Vs. 13-14

- The temptation to sin and do evil never originates with God. Vs. 13
- Where does it originate? James teaches that it comes from our own _____ lusts. Vs. 14

“The Lord is my pillar, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower.” Psalm 18:2 MEV

“The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run into it and are safe.” Proverbs 18:10 MEV

“I have restrained my feet from every evil way, that I might keep Your word.” Psalm 119:101 MEV

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” Psalm 119:105 MEV

“Hold me up, and I shall be safe, and I will have respect for Your statutes continually.” Psalm 119:117 MEV

- Temptation comes when we allow inner lusts to _____ us away from God and His words.

Lust eventually gives birth to _____. Vs. 15a

- Those inner desires (lusts) eventually turn to outward action. *“When lust has conceived it brings forth sin.”*

“For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, sexual immorality, thefts, false witness, and blasphemies.” **Matthew 15:19 MEV**

- Temptation begins like a seed in our mind (lust; a desire). And if we allow it to, it grows and eventually gives birth to sin, and we _____ it.
- We actually take the bait, not knowing there is a hook underneath.

Sin, when it is finished, results in _____. Vs. 15b

- In the Bible, _____ is separation. Cf. James 2:26
- Sin _____.
- Sin separates us from everything good and life-giving. Sin separates us from the life-giving _____ of God’s Spirit.

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