

“WHEN WRONG SEEMS RIGHT”
GENUINE FAITH IS RESISTANT TO TEMPTATION

James 1:13-18

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I. FACTS THAT DESCRIBE TEMPTATION. James 1:13-16

A)Temptation_____. 1:13a

B)Temptation_____. 1:13b

C)Temptation_____. 1:14-15

D)Temptation_____. 1:16

II. FOCUS THAT DETERMINES VICTORY. James 1:17-18

A. Victory Comes Through_____. 1:17

B. Victory Comes Through_____. 1:18

• THREE ACTIONS TO WITHSTAND THE ATTACKS THAT WILL COME

1. We must continually place ourselves under God’s protection.
2. We must reject the enticement, or temptation, by recognizing it as a false promise.
3. We must bring into our life those activities that we know God has provided for our benefit – knowledge of and obedience to Scripture, fellowship with Christ and other believers, good music, appreciation of all God has made – activities that expand our awareness in life.

• FOUR TRUTHS TO REMEMBER IN DEALING WITH TEMPTATION

1. Realize Who Is Tempting You. Ephesians 6:10-12. Satan is the mastermind behind all of your temptations.
2. Resist the Devil. James 4:7-8. The Bible says that if you resist Satan’s enticements, he will flee from you.
3. Rejoice Because Victory Is Yours in Christ Jesus. 1 Cor. 10:13. God promises that He will always provide a way of escape.
4. Remember That Others Have Successfully Dealt with Temptation. Genesis 39:1-23. Joseph’s example shows us one of the best ways to resist temptation.

• FIVE WORDS TO SUMMARIZE OUR ACTIONS WITH TEMPTATION

1. Fight. Ephesians 6:11; James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:8-9.
2. Follow. James 4:7-8; 1 Peter 2:21.
3. Flee. Genesis 39:12; Romans 13:14; 1 Cor. 10:14; 2 Timothy 2:22.
4. Fellowship. Proverbs 13:20; 1 Corinthians 15:33; 2 Timothy 2:22.
5. Feed. Psalm 119:11; Matthew 4.

• SIX RESOURCES TO CLAIM THAT WE HAVE DURING TEMPTATION

1. God’s presence. Deuteronomy 31:6; cp. Hebrews 13:5.
2. God’s model – Jesus. Hebrews 2:17-18.
3. God’s guidance. Psalm 119:105.
4. God’s mission for our life that keeps us directed. Hebrews 12:1.
5. God’s other people with whom we share encouragement. Hebrews 10:24-25.
6. God’s forgiveness when we fall and fail. 1 John 1:9.