



BIBLICAL BEHAVIOR
OVERCOMING TEMPTATION

James 1:12-18

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1. Avoid _____
(vv. 13-15)

James 1:12-18 (ESV)

12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. 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. 16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. 18 Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

2. Look _____
(vv. 16-18)

3. Rejoice _____
(v. 12)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. **Read James 1:15.** Review your notes about the process of sin being born from desire. What part of that process would you like to grow in the most? How will you do that?

2. Have you every made an emotional decision that cost you a spiritual blessing? How did you learn from that experience?

3. **Read Matthew 26:41.** How do you currently pray that you may not enter into temptation? Are there any prayers that you could pray more often to ensure that you don't enter into temptation?

4. **Read Luke 6:22-23.** Does knowing that there are rewards in heaven motivate you to fight temptation harder? Why or why not?

5. We all have different desires that can lure us into temptation. Spend some time writing down any desires you have that should be kept on a "short leash" because of their potentially damaging enticement.

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Fabarez, Mike. *10 Mistakes People Make About Heaven, Hell, and the Afterlife.*
Harvest House, 2018.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for our country and its leaders especially during this turbulent election.
Pray that our church would remain focused on its mission to make disciples!
Pray that we would not be tempted and distracted by the desires of this world.
Pray that God will give our leadership wisdom as the church continues to grow!

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

Date	O.T.	Psalms	N.T.	Gospels
10/26/2020	Jeremiah 33-34	Psalms 119:97-104	John 5:30-46	1 Peter 2:1-12
10/27/2020	Jeremiah 35-36	Psalms 119:105-112	John 6:1-15	1 Peter 2:13-25
10/28/2020	Jeremiah 37-38	Psalms 119:113-120	John 6:16-24	1 Peter 3:1-7
10/29/2020	Jeremiah 39-41	Psalms 119:121-128	John 6:25-40	1 Peter 3:8-22
10/30/2020	Jeremiah 42-43	Psalms 119:129-136	John 6:41-59	1 Peter 4:1-19
10/31/2020	Jeremiah 44-46	Psalms 119:137-144	John 6:60-71	1 Peter 5:1-12