

**James: A Fruitful Faith**  
**Temptation Is Inevitable-Defeat Is Not**



James 1:13-18

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Temptations are \_\_\_\_\_

Temptation is not \_\_\_\_\_

Temptation starts in my \_\_\_\_\_, not with \_\_\_\_\_

Temptation \_\_\_\_\_ when I don't \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_

**The Process of Temptation**

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God always provides a way to \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions to think about...**

1. How is the “bait” in hunting or fishing similar to the “bait” used in temptation?
2. Read James 1:13-14. What does this tell us about the source of temptation?
3. What desires in your own life might lead you into temptation? How can you start noticing them early?
4. James describes temptation like a process. What makes it so difficult to stop the process?
5. If someone asked you, *“It’s just a little sin. What’s the harm?”*, how would you respond using James’ words?
6. James reminds us, *“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights.”* How does this contrast with the lies or “bait” of temptation?
7. How does understanding that God is always good help you in moments of temptation?
8. James doesn’t give a step-by-step method here, but he does point to a principle: God provides the better option. What does saying “yes” to God look like in practical terms in your life this week?
9. What is one temptation you can address this week by focusing on God’s good gifts rather than the bait?