

## *When Temptation Strikes*

James 1:12-18\*

James tells us that temptation is the common experience of all human beings, Christians included. He also reminds us that “God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone.” (1:13b)

We are all in danger of falling before the attacks and pressures of trials. But we are also subject to falling before the attractions and pleasures of temptation. Just as a wrong reaction to testing will obstruct spiritual growth and maturity, so will a wrong response to temptation. James outlined the source of temptation, the steps in temptation, and the solution for temptation.<sup>1</sup>

Distinct source of temptation (13-14)

Downward spiral of temptation (15-16)

Divine solution for temptation (17-18)

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\* These notes are prayerfully provided to aid, not replace, your personal study of God's Word.

<sup>1</sup> J. Ronald Blue, “James,” in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures*, ed. J. F. Walvoord and R. B. Zuck, vol. 2 (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1985), 822.