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**Analyzing and Overcoming Temptation**

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James 1:13-16 Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

**The Temptation Process**

**Step #1:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (We have a desire that wants to be fulfilled)

“Each one is tempted when he is carried away . . .” (James 1:14 NASB)

The definition of temptation: Temptation is trying to fulfill a legitimate drive in an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ way.

**Step #2:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(We’re \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into believing that taking the bait has no consequences).

“. . . and enticed by his own lust.” (James 1:14 NASB)

The Greek word for “enticed” means “to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

Step #3: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (We make a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to take the bait.)

“Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin. . .” (James 1:15 NASB)

**Step #4.** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(We suffer the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ consequences)

“. . . and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.” (James 1:15 NASB)

“Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.” (James 1:16 NASB)

How to Overcome Temptation

**1.Stay** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **to God.** (Keep in fellowship with God)

“Walk in the Spirit and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.” (Gal. 5:16 NASB)

“For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh, for these are in opposition to one another.” (Gal. 5:17 NASB)

**2.Fulfill your hunger drive with** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **fruit.** (Fulfill your needs in God’s way)

If Adam & Eve had been eating the fruit that God had provided for them, they would not have been hungry for the forbidden fruit.

**3.Make up your mind** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **to stay away from forbidden fruit.**

It’s hard to pick forbidden fruit from 100 yards away but it’s easy to pick at an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**4. Foresee the** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **of yielding.**