

Practical Instructions for Real Life When I am Tempted

James 1:13-15

¹³ 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. ¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. ¹⁵ Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.

Everyone deals with temptation. We all are tempted in different ways. Acting on our temptations leads to sin, and sin leads to death. Thankfully Jesus provided an opportunity for us to have a new life with God. As Christians, we no longer have to face temptations alone because God is with us.

1. Temptation does not come from God.
James 1:13; Psalm 18:30-31; Psalm 19:7-9; Leviticus 19:1-2; Matthew 5:48
2. Temptation comes from the desires of our hearts.
James 1:14; Jeremiah 17:9; Mark 7:21-23; 1 Corinthians 10:13-14; Genesis 39:6-21
3. Evil desires lead to sin which leads to death.
James 1:15; Genesis 3:1-7; 2 Samuel 11; Romans 6:23
4. Sin and death are defeated through Jesus.
James 1:16-18; Ezekiel 36:26-27; Romans 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11;
2 Corinthians 5:17