

## James 1:13-14 (NIV)

[13] When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; [14] but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed.

James 1:15-16 (NIV)

[15] Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

[16] Don't be deceived, my dear brothers.

## James 1:17-18 (NIV)

[17] Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. [18] He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first-fruits of all he created.

**Don't BLAME  
God !**

**James 1:13-18**

James 1:4 (NIV)

**Perseverance** must **finish its work**  
**so that** you may be **mature and**  
**complete,**  
not lacking anything.

James is encouraging these believers to **EMBRACE TRIALS** not so much for **what they are** but for **WHAT** God sovereignly **ACCOMPLISHES** through them. Platt

**TESTINGS** are to be **Endured** -  
**TEMPTATIONS** are to be **Resisted**.

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Matthew 6:13 (NIV)

And lead us not into **temptation**, but  
**deliver** us from the **EVIL ONE**



→ When we Sin we Lose the Joy and the Intimacy in our Relationship with God

→ God does not **ORDAIN** sin -

it is **NEVER** His Intention

that we **GIVE IN** to sin

# Excuses we Make for OUR Sin?

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- It is the other person's **FAULT**
- I **COULD NOT** help it
- Everybody's **DOING** it
- It was just a **MISTAKE**
- Nobody is **PERFECT**
- The devil **MADE ME** do it
- I did not **KNOW** it was **WRONG**
- God is **TEMPTING** me

**TRIALS** and **TEMPTATIONS** are both inevitable, and God intends **BOTH** to deepen our **FAITH**. Sometimes we face **TRIALS** on the **outside**, and sometimes we face **TEMPTATIONS** on the **inside**, and **HOW** we understand them and **RESPOND** to them has everything to do with our **FAITH**. CCE

**Blaming the gods** was typical of the pagan mind-set. **The Greek and Roman gods were** fickle, erratic, vengeful, soap-opera kind of deities who **Taunted and Tantalized** humanity. ▪ Hughes

Matthew 15:19 (NIV)

For **OUT** of the **HEART** come **EVIL**  
thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual  
immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.

Romans 6:13 (NIV)

**Do not OFFER** the parts of your body  
**TO SIN**, as instruments of wickedness,  
but **rather offer yourselves** to God,  
as those who have been brought from  
**DEATH to LIFE**; and offer the parts of  
your body to him as instruments of  
righteousness.

Do not be **DECEIVED** about the  
Source of **TEMPTATION** -or-  
the **GOODNESS** of God



**James tells us CLEARLY that...**

- **God IS GOOD** and Every **Good GIFT**  
comes **FROM** Him
- **God is NEVER** the **SOURCE** of  
**Temptation** or **Evil**

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NIV)

**No temptation** has seized you except what is **COMMON** to man.

And **God** is **FAITHFUL**;

**He** will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But **when** you are tempted,

**He** will also provide a **WAY OUT** so that you can **stand up** under it.

## Paul Tells us that...

- Our Temptation is not **UNIQUE**
- God is **FAITHFUL**
- God Knows Our **LIMITATIONS**
- God **ALWAYS** Provides a Way of **ESCAPE**

# Finding the Escape God Provides?

- **TURN AWAY** From the Temptation
- Do not **FOCUS** on the Sinful **DESIRES**
- Ask God for **HELP** and **STRENGTH**
- Take the **ESCAPE**

# WHAT Should we Do WHEN we are TEMPTED?

- Do not **BLAME** God
- Remember **WHERE** Temptation leads you
- Turn **AWAY** from Temptation
- Thank God for the **ESCAPE**