

Go Deep

James 1:13-18

1. Who are some people in the Bible who succumbed to temptation? Who are some people in the Bible who overcame temptation? Why did some succeed while others fail? *Read Hebrews 4:15*. How was Jesus tempted in every way?
2. *Read James 1:12-15*. Explain the connection in James' thoughts between verse 12 and verse 13.
3. How would you define temptation? How do you know if you are being tempted? How often do you think the average Christian is tempted to sin? Name some types of temptations that people don't normally think of as temptations.
4. Why would anyone say, "God is tempting me?" Does God allow us to be tempted? If so, why?
5. According to 1:14-15, how does the process of temptation work? How does the process lead to death? Why doesn't James mention Satan's role in temptation here? What is Satan's role?
6. *Read 1:16*. How do you see deception in every temptation? How was Eve deceived? James commands us not to let ourselves be deceived. How do we obey that?
7. *Read 1:17*. Why does James use both "good" and "perfect" to describe God's gifts? Do people believe that good and perfect gifts come from somewhere other than God? Give examples. What problems does that cause?
8. *Read 1:18*. Why is it important that God *chose* to give us birth? How are we given birth through the word?