

# Journey CHURCH

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## Developing a Faith that Works Leader Guide Session 3: How to Win Over Temptation

### Two Kinds of Testing

- Trials from \_\_\_\_\_; designed to cause growth.
- Temptations from \_\_\_\_\_; designed to cause sin.

*Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created. **James 1:12-18 NIV***

### How Can I Win Over Temptation?

1. Be \_\_\_\_\_.

*No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind.*

**1 Corinthians 10:13a NIV**

*(Jesus) ... was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.*

**Hebrews 4:15 KJV**

2. Be \_\_\_\_\_.

*When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone. **James 1:13 NIV***

3. Be \_\_\_\_\_.

*but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed... Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. **James 1:14-16 NIV***

*in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.*

**2 Corinthians 2:11 NIV**

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4. Be \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Be \_\_\_\_\_.

*He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created. **James 1:18 NIV***

*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 endure it.  
**1 Corinthians 10:13b NIV***

## Four Steps the Devil Uses to Tempt Us

**Step 1:** \_\_\_\_\_

*...each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire*

**James 1:14a NIV**

**Step 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

*... they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. **James 1:14b NIV***

**Step 3:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; **James 1:15a NIV***

**Step 4:** \_\_\_\_\_

*... and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. **James 1:15b NIV***

*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. **James 1:17 NIV***

## Resources to Resist Temptation

1. \_\_\_\_\_ with other Christians.

2. Get into those \_\_\_\_\_.

## Discussion Questions

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1. Some pitfalls we Christians face are (1) denying our vulnerability to temptation and (2) failing to take responsibility for our own actions. What does James say is the source of temptations that come our way?
2. Which of our legitimate desires does Satan tempt us to fulfill in illegitimate ways?
3. 1 John 2:16 describes the process of temptations as the lust of the flesh (to do), the lust of the eyes (to have), and the pride of life (to be). What are some everyday examples of how we are faced with these temptations?
4. In what ways do our thoughts affect our ability to overcome temptations? What do we need to focus on in order to successfully resist temptation?

As Christians, we must be watchful and ready to resist all temptations that come our way. One reason is that people around us are watching us to see if we are living according to God's standards.

5. When has another believer's way of life been a real encouragement to your faith? What did you learn from that person's lifestyle about walking with the Lord and being his representative?
6. What commitment do you need to make to God and to yourself in order to protect his good name as you represent him to the world around you? Share your commitment with the group and ask them to pray for you.