

**Temptation**  
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**James 1:13-15**

1) **God is NOT the Author of Temptation.** James 1:13

A) God is **Righteous** & Holy. Ps 89:35; Exodus 15:11; Isa.6:3; Prov. 15:26

B) God does **Test** people, but never tempts them.

*“He cannot be a **promoter** of what is repugnant to his nature.” Matthew Henry*

2) **We are tempted -- Internally (Self) & Externally (Satan & World)**

A) **Internal-Self.** We have a natural **inclination/bent** toward sin. Rom 5:12, 16,17; Rom. 3:10, 23; Rom. 7:15-20, 25; Isa 53:6; Jer. 17:9; Mark 7:21-23; Matt. 5:27

1) We are tempted in **mind**, **feelings/emotions** & will.  
James 1:14-15

(a) Drawn away - **Lured**

(b) Enticed – **Deceitful representations**

(c) Conceived - Act of **will**

2) We try to **blame** others

B) **External-Satan & World.** John 8:44; 1 Pet. 5:8; 2 Cor. 4:4; 2 Cor. 11:14-15; Matt. 4:1-11

1) **Satan’s Formula** (1 John 2:15-17)

2) **Used on Eve, Jesus & us**

3) **Dealing with temptations.**

A) **Assurance** - 1 John 5:4-5; 1 John 5:20; 2 Cor. 1:22; 1 John 4:4;; Rom. 6:6-7; 1 Cor. 10:13; Heb. 4:15

B) **Be prepared** Matt. 4:1-11; 2 Cor 10:3-5; Eph 6:10-12,17; 1 Tim 4:7-8; Titus 2:12; Eccles 4:12, Prov. 1:10; 1 John 5:21; Gal. 5:16-17; James 4:7

4) **Results of standing against temptations & standing with Christ.** 1 Pet. 1:7; James 2:12; Rom. 8:28; 2 Cor. 12:9-10; Rom7:24

“If you’re God’s child, it’s not your job to defeat **evil** your job is to resist temptation. God is in the process of bringing evil to an end.” Paul David Tripp

“As we concentrate on living an obedient, holy life, we will certainly experience the joy of victory over sin.” Jerry Bridges