

IV. OUR STRUGGLE WITH ADDICTION IS _____
(1:16-18)

- A. We must rely on _____ to win over temptation.
(vs16-17)

“Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Matthew 26:41

“Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.”

I John 4:4

“7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.”

James 4:7-8

- B. We must receive a new nature through being _____
_____ to win over temptation. (v18)

“Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”

II Peter 1:4

“Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

John 3:3

“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.”

I Peter 1:23

GET UNHOOKED FROM YOUR ADDICTIONS!!

“31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

John 8:31-32

UNHOOKED ~ FINDING RELEASE FROM YOUR ADDICTIONS Why Everyone Struggles With Addiction Pastor Steve Reynolds

INTRODUCTION

- A. Our culture is hooked! The truth is everyone struggles with addiction. Pornography, spending, tobacco, alcohol, drugs (prescription and illegal), gaming, food, sex, gossip, media and the list goes on. The list of addictive behaviors has never been longer and they have never been easier to find. The good news is that we can be released.

“There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.” I Corinthians 10:13

- B. This six week series of messages will teach you...

TODAY– Why Everyone Struggles With Addiction
February 28 – How To Experience God’s Power
March 7 – How To Motivate Yourself For Change
March 14 – How To Manage Your Lifestyle Habits
March 21 – How To Build A Circle Of Support
March 28 – Maintaining Momentum

Come as you are and discover how to find release from the very thing that has you hooked.

- C. Text: James 1:12-18 (Pew Bible Page 231/New Testament)

“Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.”

James 1:12

Those who endure temptation will experience _____ on earth and a _____ in heaven.

FOUR FACTS ABOUT OUR STRUGGLES WITH ADDICTION

I. OUR STRUGGLE WITH ADDICTION IS _____ (1:13a, 14a)

A. _____ is tempted to sin.

“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:” Romans 5:12

“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,” Hebrews 12:1

B. It is not a sin to be tempted, but it is a sin to _____
_____ temptation.

“For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.” Hebrews 4:15

“12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.” Romans 6:12-13

II. OUR STRUGGLE WITH ADDICTION IS _____ (1:13b-14b)

A. _____ nor _____ are the source of our temptation. (v13b)

“11 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.” Genesis 3:11-13

B. Our own _____ is the source of our temptation. (v14b)
“Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;”

I Peter 2:11

“There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man.” Mark 7:15

“20 And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man.

21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,

22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:

23 All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.” Mark 7:20-23

III. OUR STRUGGLE WITH ADDICTION IS _____ (1:14-15)

A. The stages of temptation are _____.

“Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.” II Corinthians 2:11

Stage 1: _____ (v14c)

Stage 2: _____ (v14d)

Stage 3: _____ (v15a)

Stage 4: _____ (v15b)

B. These stages _____ with Adam and Eve and
_____ with us.

“5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.”

Genesis 3:5-6

“But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.” II Corinthians 11:3