

#691 Taming Temptations (James 1:13-18)

Trials are allowed by _____; temptations are sent by _____.

Three Truths to Tame Temptation

1. Consider the _____. (v 13-16)

Step 1: Temptation seeks a shortcut to _____. (v 14)

Step 2: Temptation offers appealing _____. (v 14)

Step 3: Temptation leads to willful _____. (v 15)

Step 4: Disobedience gives birth to _____. (v 15)

2. Consider God's _____. (v 17)

- James presented four facts about the goodness of God. God gives only _____ gifts. The _____ God gives is good. God gives _____. God does not _____.

3. Consider God's Divine Nature _____. (v 18)

- It is this experience of the new _____ that helps us overcome temptation.

Discussion Questions

1. Regarding this sermon, is there any truth that stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?

2. Explain the differences between a test, a trial, and a temptation. What should your response be to each of these?

3. Of the three truths James presented to tame temptation, which one is most beneficial to you? Why?

4. Explain how fasting can be helpful in overcoming temptations. What will you apply from this message to help tame temptation in your life?

5. Pray for one another and the trials that others are going through, that God may use them to produce maturity.

Supporting Scriptures

Gen 39:6b-10 Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, 7 and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!" 8 But he refused. "With me in charge," he told her, "my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care. 9 No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?" 10 And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her.