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How To Overcome Temptation

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James 1:12 "**Blessed** is the man that endures temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crowns of life, which the Lord has promised to them that love him." (KJV)

HOW CAN I OVER COME TEMPTATION?

I. **Be** _____

James 1:13 - When tempted, no one should say...

1 Corinthians 10:13 - No temptation has seized you except what is common to man.

Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are - yet was without sin.

II. **Be** _____

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

Genesis 3:12-13 - The man said, "The woman **you** put here with me - she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." ... ¹³ ... The woman said, "The serpent deceived me..."

III. **Be** _____

2 Peter 3:17 - Therefore, dear friends, since you already know this, be on your guard...

Matthew 26:41 - "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation."

James 1:14, 16 - each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. ...¹⁶ Don't be **deceived**, my dear brothers.

- ***How do you prepare for temptation?***

2 Corinthians 2:11 - in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

HOW TEMPTATION WORKS:

STEP 1.

James 1:14 - ... but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire...

TEMPTATION IS USING OUR GOD GIVEN DESIRE IN A GOD FORBIDDEN WAY.

STEP 2.

James 1:14 - ... he is **dragged away** and **enticed**.

Dragged away means: **snared in a trap** ***Enticed*** means: **lured by bait**

STEP 3.

James 1:15 - Then, after desire has **conceived**...

STEP 4.

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

STEP 5.

James 1:15 - gives birth to **death**.

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

IV. Be _____

If temptation begins with our inner thoughts, then changing what we think about is the key to overcoming it. This is the principle of replacement, the key to overcoming temptation.

Philippians 4:8 - Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-- if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-- think about such things.

2 Corinthians 10:5 - ... take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

V. Be _____

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

1 Corinthians 10:13 - And 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 stand up under it.

Resources you need in order to fight temptation:

A. _____ *with other believers.*

B. _____ *the Bible.*

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