

HOW CAN I RESIST TEMPTATION? Clearing Up The Confusion - Part 4 of 4

James 1:12 (LB) "Happy is the man who doesn't give in and do wrong when he is tempted, for afterwards he will get as his reward the crown of life that God has promised those who love Him."

HOW TO RESIST TEMPTATION

1. BE REALISTIC

James 1:13a "When you are tempted..."

1 Corinthians 10:13 (GN) "Every temptation that comes your way is the kind that normally comes to people..."

2. BE RESPONSIBLE

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

3. BE READY

James 1:14-16 "Each one is tempted when, by his own evil desires, he is dragged away and enticed... Don't be deceived..."

HOW TEMPTATION WORKS

2 Corinthians 2:11 "In order that Satan might not outwit us, we are not unaware of his schemes."

1st Phase: Desire

"Each one is tempted when, by his own evil desires..."

2nd Phase: Deception

"... he is dragged away and enticed . . . "

3rd Phase: Disobedience

"Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin"

4th Phase: Death

"and sin, when full grown, gives birth to death."

4. BE REFOCUSED

James 1:17 "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of heavenly lights..."

5. BE REBORN

James 1:18 "(God has) chosen to give us birth through the Word of Truth..."