WINNING OVER TEMPTATION

The Book of James – A Blueprint for Making Faith Work
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part 3

James 1:12, "Blessed is the man who **endures temptation**: for **when he is tried**, he shall receive ***the crown of life***, which the Lord has promised to them that love Him."

Trials are **used by God** to help us ***grow***.
Temptations are **tricks of the devil** to cause us to ***stumble***.

Endure = **to stand my ground, to remain under the load**

Be REALISTIC

I Corinthians 10:13 [NIV] "No temptation has seized you except what is **common to man**."

Hebrew 4:15 says, "Jesus was tempted in all points like as we are yet He did not sin."

Be RESPONSIBLE

James 1:13 "Remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, “God is tempting me.” God is never tempted to do wrong, and He never tempts anyone else."

Be READY

"**Watch and pray** so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."
Matthew 26:41 niv

"**Put on the full armor of God**, so that you can **take your stand** against the devil’s schemes." **Eph 6:11** niv

James 1:14-16, "But each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. [15] Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. **[16] Don’t be deceived** my dear brothers and sisters. ..."

2 Peter 3:17, “So **be on guard**; then you will **not be carried away**… and lose your own secure **footing**.”

DESIRE
James 1:14 "Each one is tempted when, by **his own evil desires**... he is drawn away."

DECEPTION

James 1:14 "Each one is tempted when, by his own evil desires... he is **dragged away** and **enticed**."

"Dragged away" means to be "**snared in a trap**".
"Enticed" means to be "**lured by bait**".

DISOBEDIENCE

"Then after desire has conceived **it gives birth to sin**."

What remains in your mind will result in an action.

DEATH

"When sin is ***full grown*** it 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."

Be REFOCUSED

Philippians 4:8 says, "Whatever things are good, positive, just, honest, **think on these things**."

I Corinthians 15:33, "Bad company corrupts good character."

Be REBORN

I Corinthians 10:13, "**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 you can stand up under it."

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