



# Redeeming Notes

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Living Out A Faith That Works  
"Trials & Temptations" - Part II  
James 1:12-18

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*"Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him." – v. 12 (Memorize!)*

## TWO KINDS OF TESTING

- Trials – used by **God**; designed to cause growth
- Temptations – used by **Satan**; designed to cause sin

## HOW CAN I WIN OVER TEMPTATION?

1. Be **Aware** v. 12
2. Be **Honest** v. 13, 14
3. Be **On Guard** vv. 14-16

### Four Steps the Devil Uses to Tempt Us

#### a. **Rigged**

*"...each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire..." v. 14a*

#### b. **Lured**

*"...he is dragged away and enticed." v. 14b*

#### c. **Hooked**

*"...Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin..." v. 15a*

#### d. **Landed**

*"...and sin, when full grown gives birth to death." v. 15b*

4. Be **Armed** v. 18

## RESOURCES TO RESIST TEMPTATION

1. **Accountable relationships** with other Christians.
2. Get into the **Word!**

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**READING PLAN:** *Meditate deeply on these connections from this week's teaching, asking yourself: 1) What does it say in general? 2) What is it directly saying to me? 3) How can I apply it in my life?*

Monday – James 1:12; Genesis 22:1-13

Tuesday – James 1:14; Proverbs 19:3

Wednesday – James 1:15; Job 15:34, 35

Thursday – James 1:17; Psalm 85:12, 13

Friday – James 1:18; Revelation 14:4

## FOR SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION:

- 1) Some pitfalls for us as Christians are 1) Denying our vulnerability to temptation and 2) Failing to take responsibility for our own actions. What explanation does James give for the source of temptations that come our way?
- 2) What is the real source of temptation according to James 1:14? Expound on the implications.
- 3) What is the final result of that temptation, as stated in James 1:15? Expound on the implications.
- 4) Do you think James is saying the devil doesn't tempt us?
- 5) Look up and read James 4:7,8 – do you think these two passages (James 1:14, 15 and James 4:7,8) contradict each other? Why or why not?