

“Overcoming Temptation”

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James 1:12 —“Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.”

I. What happens _____ affects what happens _____ .

James 1:12-15 —“Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. ¹³ When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; ¹⁴ 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.”

Understanding the nature of our DESIRES:

James 1:14 – “. . . Each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil DESIRES. . .”

Galatians 5:16—“The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.”

Three Analogies:

James 1:12 (NLT) – “God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the **CROWN OF LIFE** that God has promised to those who love him.”

James 1:14 (NLT) - “Temptation comes from our own desires, which **ENTICE US** and **DRAG US AWAY.**”

James 1:15 (NIV) - “Then, after desire has **conceived**, it **gives birth** to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, **gives birth** to death. ”

II. As the trials come up, the _____ come down.

James 1:16-18—“Don’t be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. ¹⁷Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. ¹⁸He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.”