

I MUST RESIST TEMPTATION!
How to be Used by God - Part 4
James 1:12-18 (NIV)
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“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 1:12 (NLT)

2 Types of Tests in Life

- "Trials" (from God) -- to promote growth!
- "Temptations" (from Satan) -- to cause sin!

HOW TO RESIST TEMPTATION:

1. BE REALISTIC.

"When you are tempted..." James 1:13a (NIV)

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

2. BE RESPONSIBLE.

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

3. BE READY.

"Each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. Don't be deceived..." James 1:14-16 (NIV) (Let's breakdown this scripture)

HOW TEMPTATION WORKS

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

1st: **DESIRE.**

"Each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire..." James 1:14a (NIV)

2nd: **DECEPTION.**

"... he is dragged away and enticed . . . " James 1:14b (NIV)

3rd: **DISOBEDIENCE.**

"Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin" James 1:15a (NIV)

4th: **DEATH.**

"...and sin, when full grown, gives birth to death." James 1:15b (NIV)

4. BE REFOCUSED.

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

5. BE REBORN.

"(God) chose to give us birth through the Word of Truth..." James 1:18a (NIV)

***Read 1 Corinthians 10:13 On Your Own!!!**