

3 - Facing Temptation (James 1:12-18)

I. Empty Excuses (1:13)

A. Excuses exposed (1:13a)

- James tells us that no can say they are _____.
- We cannot ignore _____ when facing temptation.

B. The nature of God (1:13b)

- The very nature of God dictates that he _____.
- Therefore, God in _____ does not tempt others to sin.

II. Personal Responsibility (1:14)

A. The source of temptation

- Temptation emerges out of _____.

B. The trap

- Our desires serve as _____ for the trap of temptation.

III. The Progression of Sin (1:15-16)

A. The pattern (1:15)

1. Desire

- All temptation starts out with _____.

2. Sin

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- When we seek to satisfy our personal desires, sin is _____.

3. Death

- The result of sin on our lives is _____.

- The term "full grown" suggests that sin has _____.

B. The warning (1:16)

- James warns us not to be deceived concerning _____.

IV. The Character of God (1:17-18)

A. The source of good gifts (1:17a)

- God is the source of _____.

B. His steadfastness (1:17b)

- God's character is _____.

- He does not _____.

C. His sovereignty (1:18a)

- God chose to give us _____.

D. His purpose (1:18b)

- He did this so that we make become _____.