

FACING YOUR GIANTS

Taming Temptation - James 1:12-15

What comes to your mind when you hear the word temptation?

What is your greatest temptation?

I. Identify a few _____ about temptation.

- A. God does not _____ anyone. (James 1;12-15)
 - God tests us and helps us grow up.
 - Blaming God won't work!
- B. Where does temptation come from?
 1. The _____ = Human desires and appetites we all have that have been perverted by our sinful nature. Our own evil desires and self-centered emotions.
 - "The Devil made me do it."
 - Satan's main power is manipulation and deceit.
 - He dangles the right bait in front of us at the right time, but **we choose** to disobey.
 2. The _____ =
 - a. Deceiving people about God and what is real and important.
 - b. A seduction and perversion of everything that is good.
 - c. An appeal to momentary pleasure for the purpose of hitting us at our weakness. I Peter 5:8 "...a roaring lion looking for someone to devour."

II. Identify a few reasons for _____ temptation. Defeating temptation or habits in your life will...

- A. _____ you of confidence in God and His mighty power to give you victory, hope & peace.
- B. Destroy your _____ to share your faith.
- C. Destroy your _____ to be a witness.
- D. Cause a hard, calloused _____.
- E. One sin always leads to _____.
- F. Sin always results in a _____ of some kind.

III. Identify a few "temptation _____".

- A. Take time to cultivate your _____.
 - Romans 12:2 "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will."
 - Philippians 4:8
- B. Drop the _____!!!
 - Romans 12:3 "Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought..."
 - I Cor. 10:12 "If you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!"
 - Proverbs 16:18
- C. _____ from certain temptations.
 - I Cor. 6:18 "Flee from sexual immorality..."
 - Replace bad influences.
- D. Get some _____ and _____ partner(s).
 - Matt. 26:41 "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."
 - Prov. 27:17 "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."
- E. Be quick to _____ and _____.
 - James 5:16 "Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other."
 - Prov. 28:13 "He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy." **REPENTANCE=AN ABOUT FACE!!!**
 - I John 1:8 "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."