

Everyday Faith

★ BOOK OF JAMES ★

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Trials and Temptations

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James 1:1-2 (NIV)

Handling Trials

1. RECOGNIZE what's really going on.

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James 1:2-3 (MSG)

2. Cooperate with God's GROWTH PROCESS.

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3. Ask for GOD'S HELP.

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√ Trials are things we **GROW** from.
Temptations are things we **RUN** from.

Dealing with Temptations

1. Identify the SOURCE of Temptation.

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James 1:13 (NIV)

2. Understand how temptation UNDERMINES YOU.

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.

James 1:14-15 (NIV)

√ TEMPTATION

√ FANTASY

√ FLIRTING WITH SIN

√ ACTING IN SIN

√ DEATH

3. Learn how to OVERCOME temptation.

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James 1:16-17 (LB)

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1 Corinthians 10:13 (ESV)

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√ FORECAST THE CONSEQUENCES FIRST.

√ COUNTER TEMPTATION WITH GOD'S WORD.

√ DEVELOP HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS.

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John 14:15 (NIV)

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