

Be Real

Real Victory Over Temptation

James 1:13-15 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. (NIV)

1. **Temptation is a reality for everyone.**
2. **It's not a sin to be tempted.**
3. **The power of temptation comes from within our own hearts.**

Romans 7:21-25 ²¹ Here's an important principle I've discovered: regardless of my desire to do the right thing, it is clear that evil is never far away. ²² For deep down I am in happy agreement with God's law; ²³ but the rest of me does not concur. I see a very different principle at work in my bodily members, and it is at war with my mind; I have become a prisoner in this war to the rule of sin in my body. ²⁴ I am absolutely miserable! Is there anyone who can free me from this body where sin and death reign so supremely? ²⁵ I am thankful to God for the freedom that comes through our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One! (VOICE)

1 Corinthians 10:13 ¹³ Any temptation you face will be nothing new. But God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can handle. But He always provides a way of escape so that you will be able to endure and keep moving forward. (VOICE)

1. **Don't buy the lie.**
2. **Despise the disguise.**

Romans 12:9 Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. (NIV)

3. **If you don't want to fall, don't dance where it's wet.**