



Series Life Tools

Passage James 1:9-18

Title Tackling Temptation

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- **Discussion Starter:** What is your biggest practical takeaway from this past Sunday's sermon to help you with tackling some of the temptations you are currently facing?

Deceptive Attraction (Matthew 4:2-10)

- We know from reading these verses that Satan tried to tempt Jesus in three different ways. What is the significance of each way Satan tried to tempt Jesus, and how can we apply this to our learning by the way Jesus responded to each temptation?

Don't Be Deceived, Good Gifts Come from Doing Life God's Way

Temptation Robs Us of God's Best Gifts (James 1:9-11)

- In James 1, verses 9-11, we see a comparison between true glory according to God, versus the world's definition of glory. Why is the humble man to glory in his exaltation while the rich man is said to be in humiliation? In your own words, what message is God trying to convey about the things that rob us from His best gifts?
- What are some of the temptations other than riches that rob us of God's best gifts? What do they promise and what are we left with as a result of giving into these temptations?

Value Things that Really Matter (James 1:13-15; James 4:6, Isaiah 59:1-2)

- Why do you think God allows us to be tempted?
- What are some of the reasons we value things that really do not matter and how do they impact our relationship with God?

The Strength of Sin Is Keeping It a Secret (1 Corinthians 10:13; Galatians 5:16)

- What are some of the promises we see in 1 Corinthians 10:13 and how do they encourage us not to keep our sins secret?
- What are some of the practical ways we learn from this sermon that help us resist these temptations and do life in God's ways?

Those Who Love God Resist Temptation and are Crowned with Life (James 1:12,18; 1 Corinthians 15:40-44)

- What purpose do you think God has for giving out these crowns and what are the near and far future implications for us as Christians?