

## ***The Anatomy Of Temptation And How We Deal With It!***

### ***Legit Faith: All Day, Everyday! Pt. 2***

James 1:13-18

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**James 1:13**, *When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He tempt anyone; <sup>14</sup>but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. <sup>15</sup>Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. <sup>16</sup>Don’t be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. <sup>17</sup>Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. <sup>18</sup>He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all He created.*

#### **Temptation: To Lure, Attract, Seduce Or Entice**

- **Two Common RESPONSES To Temptation:**

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#### **1) We Blame OTHERS**

**Genesis 3:9**, *...God called to the man, “Where are you?” ...<sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman You put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.” <sup>13</sup>Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”*

#### **2) We Blame GOD**

**Proverbs 19:3**, *A man's own folly ruins his life, yet his heart rages against the LORD.”*

- **The STRUCTURE And Source Of Temptation:**

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#### **1) Temptation Is Common To ALL OF US**

**1 Corinthians 10:13**, *No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.*

#### **2) Temptation Comes From INSIDE US**

The C's Of Temptation:

**C- CRAVING**

**C- CONCEIVING**

**C- CREATING**

**C- CONSENTING**

#### **3) Temptation Comes From SATAN**

**Matthew 4:1**, *Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>After fasting forty days and forty nights, He was hungry. <sup>3</sup>The tempter came to Him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.” <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” (Hebrews 4:15)*

- **Example: Two Very Different PATHS**

**1) Genesis 39:11**, *One day he went into the house to attend to his duties, and none of the household servants was inside. <sup>12</sup>She caught him by his cloak and said, “Come to*

*bed with me!” But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house.*

- 2) **2 Samuel 11:2**, *One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful,<sup>3</sup> and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, “She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite.”<sup>4</sup> Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her.*

- **The Cure For Our Failure: Own It, Confess It And PREVENT IT!**

**1 John 1:9**, *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*  
(1 John 2:1-2)

**Psalm 11:9**, *How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to Your word.<sup>10</sup> I seek You with all my heart; do not let me stray from Your commands.<sup>11</sup> I have hidden Your word in my heart that I might not sin against You.*  
(Hebrews 10:23-25)

**Closing Prayer:**

**Psalm 51:1**, *Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions.<sup>2</sup> Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.<sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.<sup>4</sup> Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight; so You are right in Your verdict and justified when You judge...<sup>7</sup> Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be*

*whiter than snow.<sup>8</sup> Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones You have crushed rejoice.<sup>9</sup> Hide Your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.<sup>10</sup> Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.*

**What Now?**

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