

Conquering Temptation with God's Perfect Gifts

Active Faith Unleashed – Part 2

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Proverbs 4:23 (NIV) Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

2 Timothy 2:22 (ESV) So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

1 Corinthians 10:13 (ESV) No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

1. Recognize _____ source

James 1:13 (ESV) Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.

James 1:14 (ESV) But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.

2. Reject sin's _____

James 1:15 (ESV) Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

James 1:16 (ESV) Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers.

3. Choose God's good _____

James 1:17 (ESV) Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

James 1:18 (ESV) Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

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Intro. Why is it often hard to conquer temptations?

How can a person guard their heart (Proverbs 4:23)?

In what ways can the instructions of 2 Timothy 2:22 help in conquering temptation?

How does the promise of 1 Corinthians 10:13 give hope when facing difficult temptations?

1A. Why would some people blame God for their temptations (James 1:13)?

1B. What does James 1:14 say is the source of temptation?

1C. Give an example of a desire in someone's life luring and enticing someone.

1D. Why is it important to recognize that the source of temptation is not God, Satan or another person, but our inward desires?

2A. Explain how the story of Adam & Eve's fall into sin illustrates what James 1:15 is talking about.

2B. What about James' teaching so far are people easily deceived about (James 1:16)?

2C. How do our inward desires conceive and give birth to sin?

2D. How are our inward desires affected by the downward spiral of our culture?

3A. In what ways are people deceived regarding every good gift comes from God (James 1:17)?

3B. As sin gives birth to death, what does God's Word give birth to (James 1:18)?

3C. How can a pursuit of God's good gifts help conquer temptation in your life?