

“Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit; wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.” —Miles Kington

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¹²Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love Him. ¹³Let 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. ¹⁴But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.

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¹⁵Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. ¹⁶Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷Every 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.

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¹⁸Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures. ¹⁹Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger.
—James 1:12-19 ESV

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Temptation: Let's Define It

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peirazo = to try, attempt, entice, offer, promise

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“A temptation is an opportunity to accomplish a good thing in a bad way.” —Warren Weirsbe

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Matthew 4:1-11

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For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. —Hebrews 4:15 ESV

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Temptation: Let's Defeat It

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Principle #1—James 1:13-14
Responsibility

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God **never** tempts us to do evil.

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Genesis 3:1-13

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Principle #2—James 1:14

Individuality

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Your “own desire”

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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 Corinthians 10:13 ESV

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“... the enticement to fulfill a God-given desire in a God-forbidden way.” —Peter Lord

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Principle #3—James 1:14

Curiosity

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“... something inside of me that wants fulfillment in something outside of God.”

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

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“The closer I get to the source of my temptation, the weaker I am in my resistance to temptation.”

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Principle #4—James 1:15
Vulnerability

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“Temptation always carries with it some bait that appeals to our natural desires. The bait not only attracts us, but it hides the fact that yielding to desire will eventually bring sorrow and punishment. It is the bait that is the exciting thing... the bait keeps us from seeing the consequences of sin.” —Warren Wiersbe

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Like a dog that returns to his vomit
is a fool who repeats his folly.
—Proverbs 26:11 ESV

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Three Questions to Ask Yourself:

- Where have I fallen before?
- What places or people make me most susceptible?
- Am I playing with fire thinking I won't get burned?

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Delayed consequence is our greatest
vulnerability because it makes us
believe the lie of invincibility.

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conceived gives birth to sin,
and sin when it is fully grown
brings forth death.
—James 1:15 ESV

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For the wages of sin is death, but the
free gift of God is eternal life in Christ
Jesus our Lord. —Romans 6:23 ESV

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Sin will take you farther than
you want to go.
Sin will keep you longer than
you to stay.
Sin will cost you more than
you want to pay.

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Principle #5—James 1:18

Generosity

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“Every temptation is an offer to doubt God’s love and wisdom.”

—@RickWarren

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Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures. —James 1:18 ESV

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