

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.

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

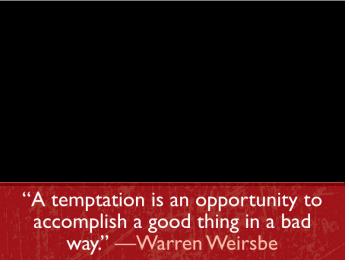
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Temptation: Let's Define It

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

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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



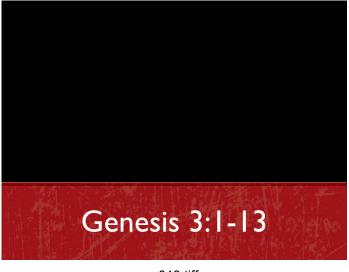
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Principle #1—James 1:13-14

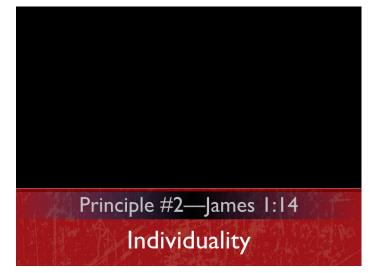
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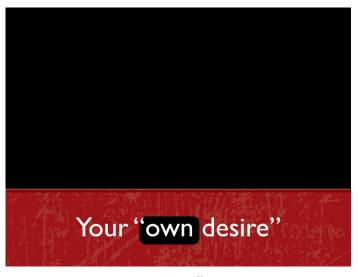
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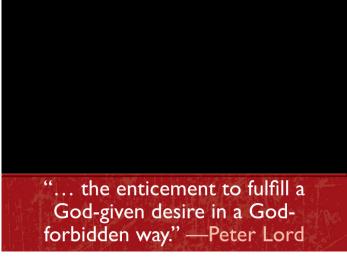


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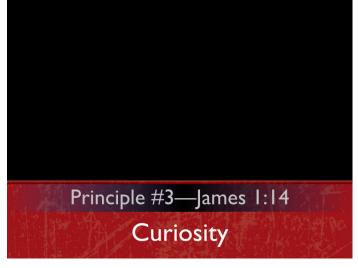
No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

—I Corinthians 10:13 ESV

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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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12Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. 13No 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.

—I Corinthians 10:12-13 ESV

"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

"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

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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—|ames 1:15 ESV

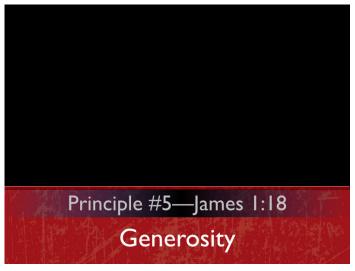
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For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ

Jesus our Lord. —Romans 6:23 ESV

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.

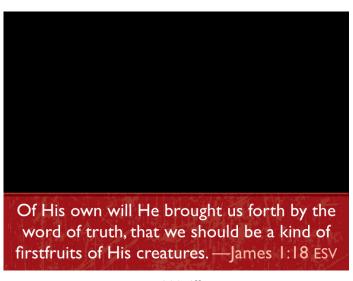
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