

## LIFE'S OLDEST PROBLEM – TEMPTATION

The temptation to give in to evil comes from us and only us. We have no one to blame...

James 1:13,14 Message

In our goal to reach toward spiritual maturity (Christlikeness), we need to apply the practical principles God has given us to win in our battles with temptation. The New Testament uses one Greek word, peirasmos, to describe both trials or tests from God which are meant to help us grow (James 1:12) and also to describe temptations from Satan meant to cause us to sin (James 1:13).

### Five Principles We Need to Apply to Win Our Battles with Temptation

#### 1. Be R\_\_\_\_\_

When tempted ... no temptation has seized you except what is common to man James 1:13; 1 Cor.10:13

#### 2. Be R\_\_\_\_\_

When tempted, no one should say, God is tempting me. For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He tempt anyone. James 1:13

#### 3. Be R\_\_\_\_\_

Each one is tempted when, by his own evil desires, he is dragged away and enticed ... don't be deceived, my dear brothers. James 1:14

In order that Satan might not outwit us, we are not unaware of his schemes. 2 Corinthians 2:11

### How the devil Operates in Tempting Us James 1:14, 15

#### 1. D\_\_\_\_\_

Each one is tempted when, by his own evil desires . . .

#### 2. D\_\_\_\_\_

He is dragged away and enticed

#### 3. D\_\_\_\_\_

Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin

#### 4. D\_\_\_\_\_

Sin, when full grown gives birth to death

#### 4. Be R\_\_\_\_\_

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father James 1:17

#### 5. Be R\_\_\_\_\_

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 stand up under it!