

**Overcoming Temptation For Today**  
**James 1:12-18**  
**10-4-20**

**I. Be Honest.**

*James 1:13 – "Let no one say when he is tempted..."*

*1 Corinthians 10:13 (NLT) - "The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience."*

**II. Accept Responsibility.**

*James 1:13 – "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."*

**III. Be Prepared.**

*James 1:16 – "Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers..."*

1. Desires.

*James 1:14 – "But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire."*

2. Deception.

*James 1:16, 14 – "Do not be deceived, my beloved brother... But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire."*

3. Disobedience.

*James 1:15 – "Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin..."*

4. Death.

*James 1:15 – "...and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death."*

#### **IV. Be Refocused.**

*James 1:17 – “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights...”*

*James 4:7-8 - “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.”*

*James 5:16 – “...confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.”*

*Matthew 26:41 - Jesus said, “Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation...”*

*Ephesians 6:11 - “Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.”*

*1 Corinthians 10:13 - “...when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.*

*Matthew 5:29 - “If your right eye makes you stumble, tear it out and throw it from you...”*

#### **Going Deeper This Week**

**Monthly Transformation Verse:** James 1:22 – “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”

**Weekly Reading Plan:** James 1:12-18; Psalm 53; 2 Corinthians 9

1. Read James 1:12-18. What do you most appreciate about God? Review the truths from Sunday with someone.
2. What was your strongest temptation as a child?
3. Who are you most honest with about your struggles? How does this help you keep moving forward in your walk with Jesus?
4. How is God described in James 1:17? Describe a way you have grown in knowing Him in this way.
5. Read 1 Corinthians 10:13, Philippians 4:8-9, and Hebrews 4:15-16. What promises are given to us to ensure we win over temptation?
6. Read the Biblical Affirmations together and then take communion at home. Celebrate Christ!