

**Questions to Consider — Lesson 4 — “Temptations: Where Do They Come From?” — James 1:12-15**

1. Read James 1:1-15 and list any comparisons or contrasts you see between trials and temptations.
2. Memorize James 1:13-14.
3. Read Matthew 6:13. According to James 1:13, God doesn't tempt anyone to commit sin, so why do we need to ask Him to protect us from something He apparently wouldn't lead us into in the first place? Prove your answer Biblically.
4. Read Psalm 119:11, Matthew 26:41, Ephesians 6:10-18, and James 4:7. (a) How can you use these verses to help yourself and others when dealing with temptation? (b) What advice could you give?
5. Read 2 Samuel 24:1. (a) Who is tempting David to sin? (b) Read the same account in 1 Chronicles 21:1. (c) Who is tempting David to sin in this account? (d) How do you reconcile these two accounts? (e) How does this relate to James 1:13? (f) What does this teach you about comparing Scripture with Scripture? (g) Why is it dangerous to try and prove doctrine on one verse alone?
6. Hebrews 2:18 says, “For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.” When has God come to your aid in the hour of temptation?
7. Is there an area of temptation that you are facing today? Confess it to the Lord, and determine to change (repent). If necessary, share with someone who will hold you accountable! Don't dabble with sin!
8. What is your prayer request as you reflect on question #7?