



James 1:13-16 (NIV) ¹³When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; ¹⁴but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. ¹⁵Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. ¹⁶Don't be deceived, my dear brothers.

Desire Plus Deception Equals _____.

But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ. (2 Corinthians 11:3)

How to Fight Back

1. Recognize the Lies That _____ Me.

"For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." (Genesis 3:5)

A. Lies About Yourself

- "My worth is determined by what I do and by what others think of me."
- "I am the way I am, and I can't change."
- "If you really knew me, you wouldn't like me."

B. Lies About Happiness

- "If I have more money and more things, I'll be happy."
- "To be happy, I must be married."
- "I must be in control to be happy."

C. Lies About God

- "The more I do for God, the more He will love me."
- "God will never help me."
- "What I've done is too bad for God to forgive."

2. Resist the Evil One's _____.

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (James 4:7)

It is written: "Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4)

It is written: "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." (Matthew 4:7)

...It is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only." (Matthew 4:10)

"Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." (Matthew 16:23)

3. Renew Your Mind with _____.

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind... (Romans 12:2)

...He is dragged away and enticed. (James 1:14)

We have escaped like a bird out of the fowler's snare; the snare has been broken, and we have escaped. (Psalm 124:7)

Want to Go Deeper?

- Memorize James 1:16.
- List some of the lies you have believed.
- Find scriptures that will help you battle deception.
- If you are ready to accept God's invitation to a new life, let us know and we will help you with next steps.
- Read *God Can Not Be Trusted* by Tony Evans.

Please let us know the commitments you are making to God by using the Communication Card. We will pray for you.

Next week...Trapped! Part 4: Pride