

# Got FAITH?

## How To Overcome Temptation

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### 2 Kinds of Testing

**James 1:12-13** God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, "God is tempting me." God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else. Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away.

Trials are from God; designed to cause Growth.

Temptations are from Satan; designed to cause Sin.

### How I Can Win...

- **Be Realistic**

**1 Corinthians 10:13a** The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience.

**Hebrews 4:15** This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin.

- **Be Ready**

**James 1:14-16** Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.

### 4 Steps Satan Uses to Tempt Us:

Step1: Desire Step2: Deception Step3: Disobey Step4: Death

**2 Corinthians 2:11** so that Satan will not outsmart us. For we are familiar with his evil schemes.

**1 Corinthians 10:13b** And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.

- **Be Humble & Resist**

**James 4:7** So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

- **Be in Fellowship with other Christians**

Passionate Worship Service, Relational Small Groups, Ministry Teams

- **Be in the Word:**

### Read it

**James 1:25a** The man who looks intently into the perfect law...

Is there...

...a Sin to confess? ... a Promise to claim? ... an Attitude to change?  
... a Command to keep? ... an Example to follow? ... a Prayer to pray?  
... an Error to avoid? ... a Truth to believe? ... something to thank God for?

## Review it

**James 1:25b**...and continues to do this...

## Remember it

**James 1:25c** ....not forgetting what he has heard...

## Live it out

**James 1:22** But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.