



# “Overcoming Temptation”

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## I. **James 1:12-17**

### A. What you need to know...

#### 1. # 1 and most important: Know Your God; He is not the tempter!

*\*Tempt (Peirazo): To Test or Entice*

\* Let no man say, “God is testing me!” (God doesn’t cause or allow things to happen in order to try your faith or your character....why? Because He is good!)

#### 2. # 2 Know your enemy

\* **1 Peter 5:8** “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.”

\* Satan is not all-knowing; he only has the ability to look and attempt to draw you into temptation; remember, he is subtle and deceptive

#### 3. # 3 Know the progression

\* **Drawn away, enticement, conception, sin**

\* The tree in the garden is a perfect example (learn how to be in the right place all the time!)

### B. **1 Corinthians 10:13**

1. God will always make a way of escape

2. The broad spectrum of temptations can be classified under only 3 types (**Lust of the Flesh, Lust of the Eyes, and the Pride of Life**) **1 JN 2:16**

*\*Lust of the Flesh: Food, Sex, Thrills*

*\* Lust of the Eyes: Clothes, Money, Entertainment*

*\* Pride of Life: Recognition, Praise, Power*

- Satan knows what triggers you to be drawn away; stay away from the trigger!

## II. What Would Jesus Do?

### A. **Submit Yourself to God**

#### 1. **James 4:7**

2. Remember, your ability to resist depends upon your position with God

3. When you are submitted, you are resting on what God says (Jesus was tested all the time by the religious; how did he keep things together?)

### B. **Speak the Written Word**

#### 1. **Luke 4:1-4, vs. 8, vs. 12**

2. Notice how Satan comes questioning your identity in every temptation (IF)

3. When you speak the Word of God with authority, Satan will flee!