



## #3 Real Faith Is Not Deceived By Temptation

**James 1:13 (NIV)** *When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; <sup>14</sup>but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. <sup>15</sup> Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. <sup>16</sup> **Don’t be deceived, my dear brothers.** <sup>17</sup>Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. <sup>18</sup> He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.*

### 1. Don’t Be Deceived About The Nature Of TEMPTATION

1:13-15

#### Temptation Is An Enticement To SIN

- You’re deceived if you think that temptation comes from God.
- You’re deceived if you think that God is to blame for your sin.
- You’re deceived if you think that anything other than YOU is to blame for your sin.

#### Sin Is Transgressing GOD’S LAW

**James 2:10** *For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.*

**James 4:17** *Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn’t do it, sins.*

### 2. Don’t Be Deceived About The Nature Of GOD 1:16-18

#### **GOD IS UNCHANGEABLY GOOD!**

1. Accept **RESPONSIBILITY**
2. Abort the **SIN** Process
3. Appreciate **GOD** and His Good Gifts
4. Act on your **NEW BIRTH!**

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## STRATEGY FOR OVERCOMING TEMPTATION