
Progress, Not Perfection

"Temptation"

12-12-21

James 1:13-15, 1 Corinthians 10:13

Introduction: We have spent the last two months focusing on the need to grow moments of life.

- Every time we face a need to grow moment, it's a crossroad where we can advance or fall back depending on our response.
- This morning we will conclude this study by looking at those seasons when we are tempted.

1. In a broken world, temptation is inevitable.
2. Please understand, temptation is not in itself evil, it is a solicitation to do something wrong using the promise of pleasure, gain or other enticements.
3. If we take the bait & allow sin to have a foothold in our lives, a downward spiral begins.
4. Sin wants to control & eventually destroy.
5. The good news is, we can overcome temptation & when we do, it becomes a season of growth.

I. A Picture Of Temptation

- A. Inevitability
- B. God's Allowance
- C. Common/Personal
- D. Predictable
- E. Limited

II. A Plan To Overcome Temptation

- A. Proactivity
- B. Dependency
- C. The Way Of Escape
- D. Clarity
- E. Prevention
- F. Consistency

Conclusion: It would be great to live in a world where we never faced temptation.

1. We will have that in heaven, but right now temptation is the norm.
2. We should not take that reality lightly.
3. Satan wants total control. He is patient & subtle.
4. That's why when temptation comes our way, we must turn it into a season of growth.
5. By confronting the temptation in God's strength, by thinking clearly & taking advantage of God's escape, by fortifying our hearts daily, we can overcome temptation.
6. As we do ... we grow!