

Faith that Works!

January 28, 2007

“Don’t Be Fooled”

James 1:13-18

Introduction:

Who is to blame for our temptations? God? Others? Ourselves? This morning we will learn the origin of temptation, as well as part of the solution for avoiding the sin that so easily entangles.

Interpretation:

Application:

Going Deeper

1. When have you been tempted to doubt God's goodness? What were the circumstances contributing to that temptation?
2. How does Eve's description of the fruit compare to John's description of the sin found in the world? (Genesis 3:6, 1 John 2:15-17)
3. Considering Adam and Eve's disobedience, how does Christ's ability to resist temptation, and avoid sin, serve as a model for us? (Genesis 3:1-9, Matthew 4:1-11)
4. What God-given longings does Satan use most often to tempt you to sinful attitudes or actions?
5. How did Christ demonstrate a posture of submission? How does a posture of submission empower us to resist temptation and avoid sin? (Philippians 2:1-11, Ephesians 5:21, James 3:17)
6. What role does contentment play in resisting temptation, and avoiding sinful attitudes and actions? (Philippians 4:12-13, 1 Timothy 6:3-10)
7. To whom might you submit, or in what situation might you demonstrate greater contentment, in order to strengthen your resistance to temptation?

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