

03-03-2024 Insolated, not isolated.

James 1:13-15

Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴ But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

Review

Temptation: The enticement to evil by the offer of some apparent good.

- ▶ God tests believers to build them up but never tempts believers to tear them down.
- ▶ Temptation does not equal sin.
- ▶ Like fish to a lure, we are attracted to what we desire.
- ▶ When sinful desires are united with our will, the results of that conception will always result in sin and is spiritually deadening.

Does being a hermit appeal to you? Want to get away from this all?

Problem is... when you get away you still have you!

1 John 2:15-17

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

1. **The lust of the flesh:** The internal mindset that is _____ and has _____ desires.

Matthew 4:3

Solution: _____ your mind with truth and _____ your mind on the things of the Spirit... learn to _____ Jesus and what he _____.

Romans 8:5-8; Romans 12:2; Matthew 22:36-40; John 14:15-17; John 16:7-14;
Romans 13:14

2. **The lust of the eyes:** _____ or the _____ to possess external attractions.

Matthew 4:8-9; Ecclesiastes 1:8

Solution: Develop an attitude of _____ and _____ your eyes.

Philippians 4:11; Job 31:1

3. **The pride of life:** Like Satan, our unholy spiritual father, before us, it is the desire in every human being to be his or her _____.

Matthew 4:5-6

Solution: Choose to follow truth with _____ and _____.

Psalms 25:8-9; Colossians 3:16-17; 1 Thess. 5:18-19; Psalm 25:9; James 4:5-6