

JOURNEY THROUGH JAMES, Sermon # 5
“Evil Desires”

Text: James 1:13-16

I. THE RENOUNCEMENT OF _____(v.13)

- God **permits** temptation, but does not _____ it.
- The very notion of “**tempting God**” suggests that He has the _____ for sin.

II. THE RESPONSIBILITY OF _____ (v.14)

- We are “*dragged away*” by **our own lust**—not someone else’s—not God’s—not the _____—it’s **our own!**
- “*Dragged away*” is most often used in Scripture to describe the _____ of a prostitute.
- “*Enticed*” means “catch with _____”

III. THE RECIDIVISM OF _____(v.15)

- “**Recidivism**”- a tendency to relapse into a _____ condition or mode of behavior.
- Lust is the “_____” of sin according to James.

IV. THE REMINDER OF _____ (v.16)

- Satan’s plan of attack: “**This** time I can get what I am _____ and I won’t have to face **consequences!**”

To win the battle with temptation, we need to realize **3** things—

1. Temptation always arises from our own fleshly, _____ nature.
2. In our own strength, we have no _____ to stand against these temptations.
3. It is in reckoning ourselves to be “**dead to the flesh**” that the power of the Holy Spirit is _____ in our lives to give us victory over temptation.