

THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

**“For the word of God is living and powerful,
and sharper than any two-edged sword,
piercing even to the division of soul and spirit,
and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner
of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”**

(Hebrews 4:12)

THE BOOK OF JAMES

“Faith Without Works Is Dead”

**“Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.
For as the body without the spirit is dead,
so faith without works is dead also.”**

(James 2:17,26)

*“Bold practical Christian living that reflects
a genuine faith evidenced by a transformed life.”*

OUTLINE OF JAMES

“Faith Without Works Is Dead”

- A. The Test of Faith (1:1–18)
- B. The Testimony of Faith (1:19–5:6)
- C. The Triumph of Faith (5:7–20)

OUTLINE OF JAMES

“Faith Without Works Is Dead”

A. The Test of Faith (1:1–18)

1. Purpose of Trials (1:1–12)

2. Facing Temptation (1:13–18)

A2. Facing Temptation

(James 1:13–18)

13 Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.

14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.

15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

A2. Facing Temptation

(James 1:13–18)

16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.

18 Of His own will, He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures *(a prime example of what He created to be set apart to Himself – sanctified, made holy for His divine purposes)*.

A2. Facing Temptation

(James 1:13–18)

“DO NOT BE DECEIVED”

16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

“deceived” – “to wander / go astray; to be seduced”

“Deception – Subtle rather than blatant”

A2. Facing Temptation

(James 1:13–18)

“DO NOT BE DECEIVED”

1. SOURCE OF TEMPTATION

2. COURSE OF TEMPTATION

3. RECOURSE FOR TEMPTATION

A2. Facing Temptation

(James 1:13–18)

“DO NOT BE DECEIVED”

1. SOURCE OF TEMPTATION (v 13)

13 Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.

“Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil... Now when the tempter came to Him ...”
(Matthew 4:1–3)

“When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.” (John 8:44)

A2. Facing Temptation

(James 1:13–18)

“DO NOT BE DECEIVED”

2. COURSE OF TEMPTATION

a) Desire (v 14)

14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.

“desire” – “lust, passionate longing”

A2. Facing Temptation

(James 1:13–18)

“DO NOT BE DECEIVED”

2. COURSE OF TEMPTATION

b) Disobedience (v 15a)

15a Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin.

“conceived” – “to become pregnant”

A2. Facing Temptation

(James 1:13–18)

“DO NOT BE DECEIVED”

2. COURSE OF TEMPTATION

c) Death (v 15b)

15b And sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

“full-grown” – “to bring to an end, complete”

A2. Facing Temptation

(James 1:13–18)

“DO NOT BE DECEIVED”

1. SOURCE OF TEMPTATION

2. COURSE OF TEMPTATION

a) Desire

b) Disobedience (Sin)

c) Death

Desire gives birth to sin, and sin gives birth to death.

A2. Facing Temptation

(James 1:13–18)

“DO NOT BE DECEIVED”

3. RECOURSE FOR TEMPTATION (vv 17,18)

17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. **18** Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures *(a prime example of what He created to be set apart to Himself – sanctified, made holy for His divine purposes).*

God, in contrast, gives birth to us – His redeemed, sanctified children. Sin brings forth death, but God brings forth life.

A2. Facing Temptation

(James 1:13–18)

“DO NOT BE DECEIVED”

*“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.
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. And the world is passing away,
and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.”
(1 John 2:15–17)*

A2. Facing Temptation

(James 1:13–18)

“DO NOT BE DECEIVED”

“No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”

(1 Corinthians 10:13)

A2. Facing Temptation

(James 1:13–18)

“DO NOT BE DECEIVED”

“For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

(Hebrews 4:15,16)