

Directions pt 2

Breaking the Cycle

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"When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. Don't be deceived, my dear brothers. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created." James 1:13-18

Greatest Spiritual Challenges - Temptations:

1. Materialism
2. Pride
3. Self-centeredness
4. Laziness
5. (Tie) Anger/Bitterness
6. (Tie) Sexual lust
7. Envy
8. Gluttony
9. Lying

4 LIES to Uncover and Break the Cycle of Temptation:

Only people FAR from God are tempted.

Truth: Not 'if' but 'when' (James 1:13)

God tempts us as a SPIRITUAL TEST.

**Truth: Trials test our faith and grow us spiritually
(James 1:2-4)**

I am the VICTIM.

Truth: You have the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 16:9)

There is NO WAY out.

Truth: There's always a way out!

"No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it." 1 Corinthians 10:13