

Five Ways To Test A Real Diamond

1. The Mount Test



2. The Fog Test



3. The Inclusion Test



4. The Newspaper Test



5. The Float Test



Genuine Faith

**God gives us trials to
strengthen us to
prepare us for Satan's
temptation.**

Tempting Faith

James 1:13-17

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13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

16 Do not err, my beloved brethren.

17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Same word – Different Author (Satan not God)

Three Things That Satan Does With Temptation

- 1. Satan's desire is to solicit every man to manifest his evil character**

- 2. Satan wants us to think that by our self-effort we can be like God and therefore live as if we don't need Him**

- 3. Satan wants us to live lives that misrepresent who we are in Christ**

Temptation is not sin; the wrong response is

1 Corinthians 10:13

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

I. The Tenacity of Temptation (1:13)

James 1:13a

Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God:

- A. “When” – Temptation is inevitable
- B. “No one” should rationalize that God is to blame
- C. “Of” = By - carries idea of distant or remote

Genesis 3:12-13

We must have faith to take responsibility for our actions

II. The Goodness Of God (1:13)

James 1:13b

...for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

A. God is untemptable

Isaiah 6:3

And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

His holiness is eternally unmixed with anything less than pure and perfect righteousness.

John MacArthur

II. The Goodness Of God (1:13)

Habakkuk 1:13

Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity: wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth the man that is more righteous than he?

Psalm 5:4

For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with thee.

II. The Goodness Of God (1:13)

B God is untempting

James 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

- 1. God is incapable of doing anything that isn't good**
- 2. God loves you**
 - a. He doesn't lure you; He blesses you**
 - b. He doesn't bait you; He encourages you**
 - c. He doesn't entice you; He imputes righteousness**

So if I can't blame God or the Devil, who is responsible for my sin?

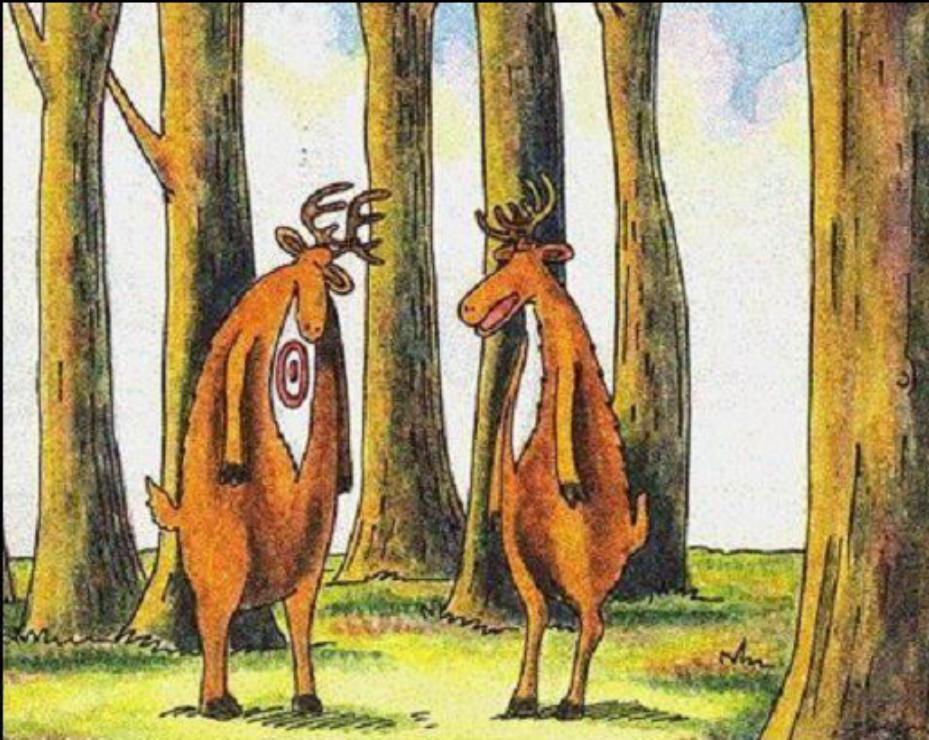
III. The Misery Of Man (1:14)

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**A. Every one will be tempted ...
over and over again**

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"Bummer of a birthmark. Hal."

We all have the birthmark of a sinner

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B. Drawn away = Carried away



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C. Enticed - A fishing term describing the bait used to lure and catch fish



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D. Of – A cause and effect relationship

E. Lust – Innate desire due to our fallen nature



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We like to tempt
temptation



2 Samuel 11:1-5

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F. Four lessons from David's temptation

- 1. Temptation finds people in the wrong place at the wrong time**
- 2. Temptation finds people who live on the edge and the ledge**
- 3. Temptation finds people who live without accountability and friends**
- 4. Temptation finds people who live without concern or restraint**

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The problem is not the tempter without but the traitor within. - John MacArthur

IV. The Stages Of Sin (1:15)

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A. Desire

The rightness or wrongness of lust is solely determined by the why and how something is obtained.

1 John 2:16

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

IV. The Stages Of Sin (1:15)

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B. Deceit

Has been given life and has started to form and grow

C. Determination

Desire moves to the planning stage from self-will

D. Disobedience

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E. Death

You cannot take the consequence(s) back

Romans 6:23

Galatians 6:7
**Be not deceived; God is
not mocked: for
whatsoever a man
soweth, that shall he
also reap.**

**What You Do When
Tempted?**

James 1:16

**Do not err, my beloved
brethren.**

