A Faith That Works Series

“How To Handle Temptation”

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James 1:13-18

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Introduction:
A. The problem for many Christians in dealing with temptation is that though they remember to command Satan to ______ _______ them, they forget to command him not to ________.
B. Mark Antony was able to conquer the _________ but was unable to resist ____________.
C. James fills our ears not with _______, but with important _________ and _________ about temptation.
D. The word translated “________” in the first 12 verses, is the same word that is translated “____________” in verses 13-18.

I. Temptation is _______________.
A. Notice that James says “_______ tempted,” not “_____ tempted.”
B. Temptation itself is not a ________ (Heb. 4:15).

II. Giving in to Temptation is _______________.
A. We must assume _________________ for handling temptation.
B. We have a tendency to want to _________ someone else.

III. Temptation is ________________.
A. The process of temptation, ______ and death follows a very consistent _________.
B. Temptation begins with ____________.
C. ___________ is then coupled with _____________.
D. This then leads to ____________.
E. When ___________ continues, and matures it gives birth to ____________.

IV. Temptation is _________________.
A. James concludes this section with an affirmation of God’s _________.
B. God’s provision for the spiritual ____________ (2 Pet. 1:3; 1 Cor. 10:13) 
C. Game Plan:
  1. __________ in the Lord.
  2. Fight temptation with __________ and the _________.
  3. Rely on the encouragement of __________ and ___________.
  4. _______ from tempting situations.

Conclusion:
A. Mark Antony’s affair with __________ cost him his _____, his ______
as a world leader, and ultimately his _________.
B. Praise God that we can turn away from _______ and receive God’s gracious gift of __________ _______ (Rom. 6:23).