

BLESSED IS THE MAN
WHO REMAINS STEADFAST
UNDER TRIAL, FOR WHEN
HE HAS STOOD THE TEST
HE WILL RECEIVE THE
CROWN OF LIFE, WHICH
GOD HAS PROMISED TO
THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.
—JAMES 1:12

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¹³LET NO ONE SAY WHEN HE
IS TEMPTED, "I AM BEING
TEMPTED BY GOD," FOR GOD
CANNOT BE TEMPTED WITH
EVIL, AND HE HIMSELF TEMPTS
NO ONE. ¹⁴BUT EACH PERSON
IS TEMPTED WHEN HE IS LURED
AND ENTICED BY HIS OWN
DESIRE. ¹⁵THEN DESIRE WHEN
IT HAS CONCEIVED GIVES
BIRTH TO SIN, AND SIN WHEN
IT IS FULLY GROWN
BRINGS FORTH DEATH.
—JAMES 1:13-15

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I. THE STRUGGLE OF TEMPTATION (JAMES 1:13)

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"TEMPTATION IS A SOLICITATION TO FULFILL A
PERSONAL DESIRE OR INDULGE A MOMENTARY
IMPULSE IN A GOD FORBIDDEN WAY."

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¹⁵FOR I DO NOT UNDERSTAND MY OWN ACTIONS.
 FOR I DO NOT DO WHAT I WANT, BUT I DO THE VERY THING
 I HATE. ¹⁶NOW IF I DO WHAT I DO NOT WANT, I AGREE WITH
 THE LAW, THAT IT IS GOOD. ¹⁷SO NOW IT IS NO LONGER
 I WHO DO IT, BUT SIN THAT DWELLS WITHIN ME.
¹⁸FOR I KNOW THAT NOTHING GOOD DWELLS IN ME, THAT IS,
 IN MY FLESH. FOR I HAVE THE DESIRE TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT,
 BUT NOT THE ABILITY TO CARRY IT OUT. ¹⁹FOR I DO NOT DO
 THE GOOD I WANT, BUT THE EVIL I DO NOT WANT IS WHAT
 I KEEP ON DOING. ²⁰NOW IF I DO WHAT I DO NOT WANT,
 IT IS NO LONGER I WHO DO IT, BUT SIN THAT DWELLS
 WITHIN ME. —ROMANS 7:15-20

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“NO MAN KNOWS HOW BAD HE IS TILL HE HAS TRIED
 VERY HARD TO BE GOOD... ONLY THOSE WHO TRY TO RESIST
 TEMPTATION KNOW HOW STRONG IT IS.” —C.S. LEWIS

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²AND AFTER FASTING FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS,
 HE WAS HUNGRY. ³AND THE TEMPTER CAME AND SAID TO HIM,
 “IF YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD, COMMAND THESE STONES
 TO BECOME LOAVES OF BREAD.” —MATTHEW 4:2-3

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“TEMPTATION IS NOT ONLY THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO THE
 WRONG THING, BUT AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO THE RIGHT.”
 —RON DUNN

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2. THE SOURCE OF TEMPTATION (JAMES 1:14)

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- PHYSICAL APPETITES—*Our wants*
- PERSONAL AMBITIONS—*Our worth*
- SPIRITUAL ALLEGIANCE—*Our worship*

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“SATAN CAN TEMPT YOU TO TAKE MATTERS INTO YOUR OWN HANDS WHEREVER YOU HAVE AN UNMET NEED OR UNSATISFIED DESIRE.” —PATRICK MORLEY

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3. THE SEQUENCE OF TEMPTATION (JAMES 1:15)

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¹⁵THEN DESIRE WHEN IT HAS CONCEIVED GIVES BIRTH TO SIN,
AND SIN WHEN IT IS FULLY GROWN BRINGS FORTH DEATH.
¹⁶DO NOT BE DECEIVED, MY BELOVED BROTHERS.
—JAMES 1:15-16

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DESIRE + DECEPTION + DISOBEDIENCE = DEATH

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FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH,
BUT THE FREE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE
IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD. —ROMANS 6:23

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“SATAN CREATES FAKE
VENEERS THAT HIDE THE
HORRID RESULTS THAT
TEMPTATIONS LEAD TO.
HE MAKES US THINK THE
SIGN ABOVE SIN'S DOOR
SAYS, *CONTENTMENT*.
BUT AS WE GET CLOSE
ENOUGH TO PEER THROUGH
THE FOG, WE SEE
TOO LATE THAT IT SAYS,
COUNTERFEIT!”
—DR. JOHN MARSHALL

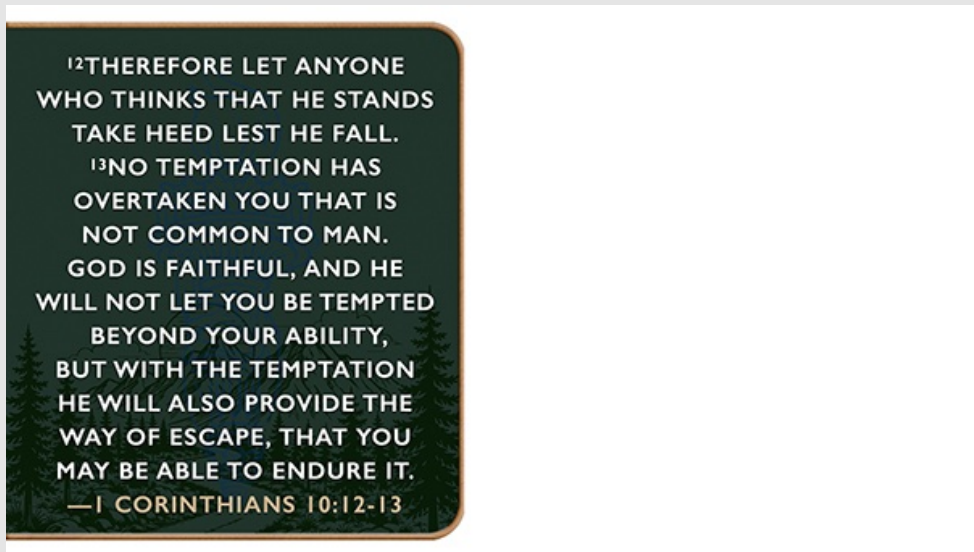
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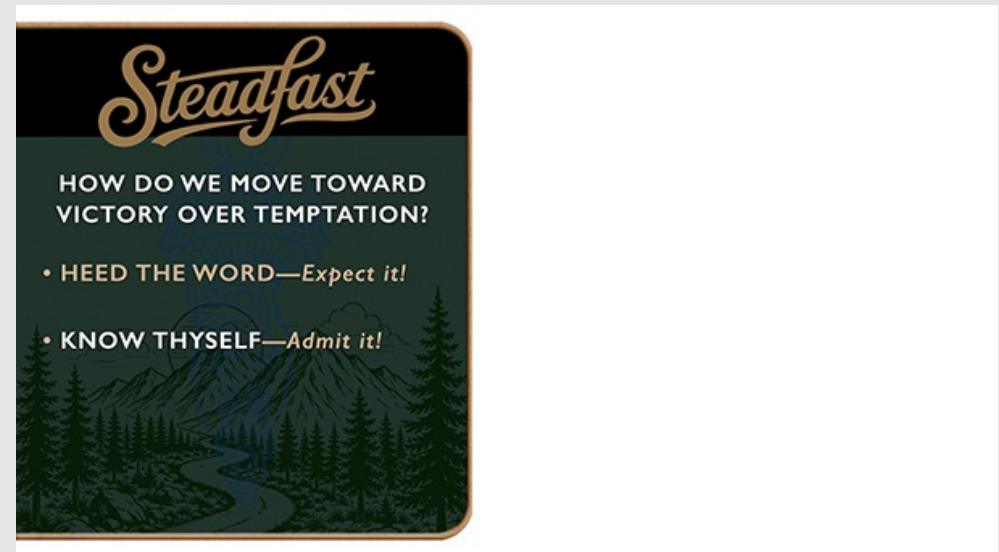
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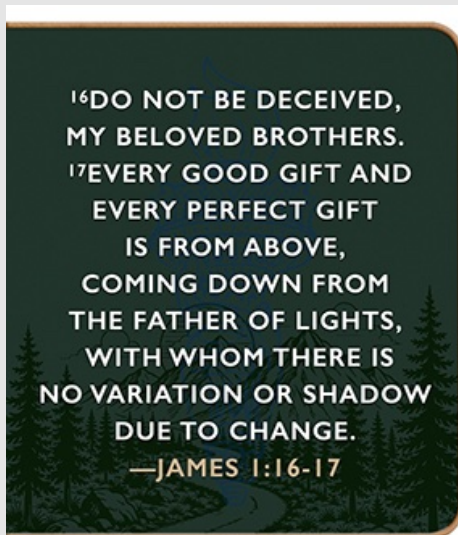
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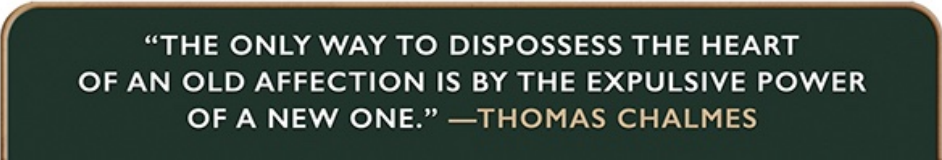
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“THE ONLY WAY TO DISPOSSESS THE HEART
OF AN OLD AFFECTION IS BY THE EXPULSIVE POWER
OF A NEW ONE.” —THOMAS CHALMES

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