

## All The Places To Go

When Trials Become Temptations

"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-blown, 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 first fruits of all He created."

[James 1:13-18]

### 1. My biggest problem is me

"The man said, "The woman You put here with me--she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

[Genesis 3:12]

"The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

[Genesis 3:13]

### 2. How does it work?

"But each one is tempted, when by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed."

[James 1:14]

- Desire

"Then, after desire has conceived."

[James 1:15]

- Deception

"Then after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin."

[James 1:15]

- Disobedience

"Then after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death."

[James 1:15]

- Death

"There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death."

[Proverbs 14:12]

### 3. What is the cure?

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 first fruits of all He created."

[James 1:17-18]

"Your are good, and what you do is good; teach me your decrees."

[Psalm 119:68]

"Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life."

[Psalm 23:6]

"Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; He rises to show you compassion."

[Isaiah 30:18]

"But God's not finished. He's waiting around to be gracious to you. He's gathering strength to show mercy to you."

[Isaiah 30:18 (MSG)]