

James 1 - Battling with Sinful Flesh

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James 1:13-16

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 BRINGING FORTH SIN: and sin, WHEN IT IS FINISHED, BRINGETH FORTH DEATH.**

16 do not err, my beloved brethren.

SINFUL LUSTS RESIDE IN OUR FLESH.

Romans 7:14-25

14 For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.

15 For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.

16 If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good.

17 **NOW THEN IT IS NO MORE I THAT DO IT, BUT SIN THAT DWELLETH IN ME.**

18 For I know that **IN ME (*that is, in my flesh,*) DWELLETH NO GOOD THING**: for to will is present with me; **BUT HOW TO PERFORM THAT WHICH IS GOOD I FIND NOT.**

19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

20 Now if I do that I would not, **IT IS NO MORE I THAT DO IT, BUT SIN THAT DWELLETH IN ME.**

21 **I FIND THEN A LAW, THAT, WHEN I WOULD DO GOOD, EVIL IS PRESENT WITH ME.**

22 **FOR I DELIGHT IN THE LAW OF GOD AFTER THE INWARD MAN:**

23 **BUT I SEE ANOTHER LAW IN MY MEMBERS, WARRING AGAINST THE LAW OF MY MIND, AND BRINGING ME INTO CAPTIVITY TO THE LAW OF SIN WHICH IS IN MY MEMBERS.**

24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

Paul writes this detailed description, NOT to eliminate any personal responsibility, but to give illumination and clarity to the battle we endure every hour of every day.

Galatians 5:17

For the flesh **LUSTETH AGAINST** the Spirit, and the Spirit **AGAINST** the flesh: and these are **CONTRARY** (*antikeimai - to lie opposite, oppose, withstand*) **THE ONE TO THE OTHER: SO THAT YE CANNOT DO THE THINGS THAT YE WOULD** [*or, "ye do not the things that ye would."*].

WHAT ABOUT REPETITIVE SINS?

1. *There is nothing you can do to eliminate the attraction to sin.*
2. *Don't despair and don't give up just because the presence of carnal desires never leaves, realize that is the nature of flesh and realize that God understands.*
3. *You are fully accountable to God for the sin you commit, because of the abundance of grace God provides to overcome temptation.*
4. *When dealing with repetitive sins, it's not hopeless, you simply have not yet found the proper flow and balance of faith, abiding relationship, meditation, prayer and boundaries. By being exercised in trials, you will find that proper flow and balance!*

EVERY ACT OF OBEDIENCE IS TRULY SUPERNATURAL.

John 15:4–6

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; **NO MORE CAN YE, EXCEPT YE ABIDE IN ME.**

5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: **FOR WITHOUT ME YE CAN DO NOTHING.**

6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

Galatians 2:20

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; **YET NOT I, BUT CHRIST LIVETH IN ME:** and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

2 Peter 1:3–4

3 According as **HIS DIVINE POWER HATH GIVEN UNTO US ALL THINGS THAT PERTAIN UNTO LIFE AND GODLINESS, THROUGH THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIM** that hath called us to glory and virtue:

4 Whereby are given unto us **EXCEEDING GREAT AND PRECIOUS PROMISES:** that by these **YE MIGHT BE PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE,** having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Colossians 1:27–29

27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is **CHRIST IN YOU, THE HOPE OF GLORY:**

28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; **THAT WE MAY PRESENT EVERY MAN PERFECT IN CHRIST JESUS:**

29 **WHEREUNTO I ALSO LABOUR, STRIVING ACCORDING TO HIS WORKING, WHICH WORKETH IN ME MIGHTILY.**

BAIT FROM SATAN & THE WORLD ENTICES & AROUSES THOSE LUSTS.

Genesis 3:6

"And when the woman saw that the tree was **good for food**, and that it was **pleasant to the eyes**, and a tree to be desired to **make one wise**, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat."

WHEN LUSTS ARE ENTERTAINED, THEY INTENSIFY AND TAKE US CAPTIVE CULMINATING IN A SINFUL ACTION.

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of **STRONGHOLDS** (*ochuroma - fortress, strong defense*);)

5 **Casting down IMAGINATIONS** (*logismos - reasoning, conception, computation*) and every **HIGH THING** (*hupsoma - that which is lifted up*) that **EXALTETH ITSELF** (*epairo - to lift up, exalt, raise up*) **AGAINST the knowledge of God**, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

Matthew 15:18-20

18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.

19 For **OUT OF THE HEART PROCEED** evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

20 These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.

SIN ALWAYS PRODUCES DESTRUCTION & DEATH.

Galatians 6:7-8

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

8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall **of the flesh reap corruption**; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.