

The Way We Could Be
Resisting Temptation with Discernment
James 1:13-18

Question: How should I rightly face temptation in my life?

I. Acknowledge the Truth about Temptation

- A. It's Source: Where Temptation Comes From (13,14)
- B. It's Goal: Where Temptation Leads (15)

II. Acknowledge the Truth about God's Goodness (17-18)

- A. God's Goodness is Unchanging (no shadow due to change)
- B. God's Goodness is Undeserved (He brought us forth...)
- C. God's Goodness is Unending (the first fruits of a greater reality)

III. And Thus, Don't Be Deceived (16)

Points to Ponder: Read Proverbs 7 as an example of a fool who spurns wisdom in the face of temptation and pays the cost. Ponder: how often do we live like this young man, in his 1) thoughtlessness in regards to his direction, 2) in his willingness to be deceived by the sweet sounding words of others, and 3) his failure to see the end of his actions?

A Note to Parents: Please know that the children and youth who leave the service during the sermon are looking at the same passage we are considering. We hope that you will initiate a conversation with them about this portion of God's Word.

Next Week: Next week we will continue our sermon series entitled: *The Way We Could Be* by looking at **James 1:19-21** *Receiving the Word with Meekness.*

