

**THE WEEK OF  
November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009**



**Jesus Vs. Deadly Desires  
Part 2  
James 1:13-16**

“Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.”

James 1:13

Last week we studied 1 Corinthians 10:13, and again this week we begin with the comforting words given in that scripture. It's important that anytime we struggle with lust, greed, envy, etc. we first need to understand that our weakness is nothing new. It is “common to man” as is stated in the text.

In this week's scripture we are told that God Himself is not the tempter. He does not tempt us nor is He to blame for our fleshly desires. We, as men, tend to blame Him because it's easier than admitting that we are capable of choosing sin over His will for our lives. James goes on to say in verse 14, “But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.”

The wages of sin are death. How many of us truly believe this enough to live our lives according to it? I find that if I apply this truth to my daily life I would likely make some changes. How about you? What would you change if you believed your life, or the life of your loved one, depended on it?

Each of us is tempted in our own ways. For some it's pornography, for others it's money, and yet for others it's drugs. None is worse than the other from an eternal perspective. All are sin and the penalty is the same. However, none is NEW! God knows and has already forgiven you. Don't let Satan lie to you and convince you that your sin is unforgivable. God can and has washed you white as snow.

**Read the Proverb and the section of Psalm 119 that corresponds with the calendar day *example:***  
*If it's the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month, read Proverbs 1 and Psalm 119:1-8 (Aleph)*

**Deadly Desires, the temptations that feed on our weaknesses**

**Mon:** Keep your guard: “Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation.” Matthew 26:41

**Tue:** Jesus set the example: “For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize” Hebrews 4:15

**Wed:** Remember you're not alone!: 1 Corinthians 10:13

**Thu:** Make the choice, daily: “make no provision for the flesh” Romans 13:13-14

**Fri:** Put on the armor of God: “that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil” Ephesians 6:11

**Discussion Questions for Bible Café:**

1. Do you attend any sort of accountability group? If so, please share with the group. If not, pray about forming one.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How can your deliverance from a temptation be used to glorify God? How can you share that with others?

**Prayer Requests of your Bible Café brothers (on back):**