



ABIDE IN JOY

ABIDING IN TEMPTATIONS

THOSE VOICES





There are many voices calling for our attention. They tend to divert our attention away from our good and loving God. Abiding in a close walk with Jesus keeps us from death.



What are these voices and how do we deal with them?

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James 1:13-18

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Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of Lights, with Whom there is no variation or shifting shadow. In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures.”

James 1:13-18 NASBU

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OVERVIEW

- Temptation knows no boundaries. (James 1:13)
- Temptation has consequences. (James 1:14,15)
- Temptation can be conquered. (James 1:16,17)
- Abiding and Temptation. (James 1:18)

We need to discard our pre-conceived notions!





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- Not a question of “if” but “when”.
- Temptation has many faces – stealing, lying, gossiping, cheating, envying, popularity, power, etc.
- Temptation likes to avoid personal responsibility.

Temptation has a predictable process and end-point!



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- Temptation's result is "death."

Victory over temptation is possible!



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Temptation Can Be Conquered



- God enables us to conquer temptation.
- He is the light to dispel deception.
- Temptations change; God does not!

Abiding puts our desires under control!



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Temptation and Abiding



- In His goodness He is the Father of Lights.
- We are His new creation. (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- We bear fruit for Him (John 15:16)
- Abiding (staying close) in Him avoids idolatry and brings abundant life.



CONCLUSION

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