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Discipleship Training

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Book of James

James 1:12-16; Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. 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. But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

*The Bible deepens the meaning of how God blesses the people

to include a deep joy that comes from _____ Gods favor.

*Today's trials will seem like training when we face _____ challenges.

*The 1st chapter of James teaches us that God's long-term goal

for us is _____ and completeness, but His eternal

goal for us is the _____ of life, a rich expression of hope.

*Christians can consider themselves truly blessed, no matter

what their _____, because they have been promised the Crown of Life.

*The most dangerous of these is to say, _____.

*Instead of _____ (1:12), we may give in or give up in the face of trial.

*God actually proves His love by protecting us _____

temptation instead of _____ us _____ temptation

*James described this _____ of sin in four stages. 1) Desire 2) Deception 3) Disobedience 4) Death

1. **DESIRE**; The word *lust* means any kind of desire, and not necessarily sexual passions.

*The normal desires of life were _____ to us by God and, of themselves, are not sinful.

2. **DECEPTION**; No temptation appears as temptation; it always seem more alluring than it really is.

*It is the _____ that is the exciting thing.

*When Jesus was _____ by satan, He always dealt with the temptation on the basis of the Word of GOD.

3. **DISOBEDIENCE**; We have moved from the emotions (desires) and the intellect (deception) to will.

*Christian living is a matter of the _____, not the _____

4. **DEATH**; Disobedience gives birth to death, not life. It may take years for the sin to mature, but when it does, the result will be death.

*These _____ stages in temptation and _____ are perfectly depicted in the first sin recorded in the bible

* _____ is the _____, and he seeks to deceive the mind.

*The person who DIES without _____ will experience eternal death, the lake of fire (Rev, 20:11-15).

*Whenever you are faced with temptation, get your _____ off the bait and look ahead to see the consequences of sin; the judgment of God. "For the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23)