

UNSHAKABLE FAITH

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Unshakable Faith: Standing Strong Against Temptation

Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. Matthew 7:24-25

Tests are situations designed _____ in order to help us grow.

Temptations are designed _____ in order to cause us to sin.

God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.

James 1: 12

To Face Temptation With Unshakable Faith I Must Be:

I. _____

- A) And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, "God is tempting me." God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else. James 1:13
- B) If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall. No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. 1 Corinthians 10:12-13a (NIV)
- C) For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Hebrews 4:15 (NIV)

II _____

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III _____

- A) Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. 1 Peter 5:8
- B) Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak!" Matthew 26:41
- C) Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the

devil. Ephesians 6:11

- D) Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death. So don't be misled. my dear brothers and sisters. James 1:14-16
- E) If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall. 1 Corinthians 10:12
- F) So that Satan will not outsmart us. For we are familiar with his evil schemes. 2 Corinthians 2:11
- G) Steps that the devil uses in order to tempt:

1) _____

Temptation comes from our own desires, James 1:14a

2) _____

... which entice us and drag us away. James 1:14b

3) _____

These desires give birth to sinful actions. James 1:15a

4) _____

... And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death. So don't be misled, my dear brothers and sisters. James 1:15b-16

IV _____

- A) Whatever is good and perfect comes down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow. James 1:17
- B) The principle of replacement.
- C) And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. Philippians 4:8
- D) Don't be fooled by those who say such things, for "bad company corrupts good character." 1 Corinthians 15:33

V _____

- A) He chose to give birth to us by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession. James 1:18
- B) No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it. 1 Corinthians 10:13 (NIV)

VI To fight temptation, I need:

- A) _____ with other Christians.
- B) To get into _____.