

# TRIALS - TEMPTATIONS MECHANICS

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- The Father does not bring temptation (Ja.1:13)
- The Father brings every good gift (Ja.1:17)
- The Father never changes (Ja.1:17)

- Produces a godly character (Ja.1:12)
- Brings you closer to God
- Seeks to build us up by instructing us (Ja.1:3-4)
- God brings trials to mature us (Ja.1:18)
- Reveals the goodness of God (Ja.1:13-18)

God often brings circumstances into our lives to test us. Like Job, we usually do not recognize them as tests from God

DIFFICULT TEMPTATIONS

First Defense



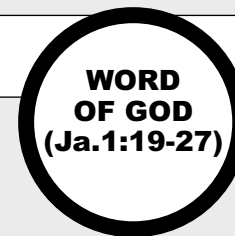
We win over temptation, not by getting out of it, but by passing through it. There is only one way to escape (1Co.10:13, "make the way of escape"). God sees us all the way through (enabling us to endure). "When he has been approved" means we see it through (Ja.1:12). See 1Pe.5:10.



**God's Purpose to Mature us Through Trials**



**God's Goodness in Times of Testing**



**God's Word to Strengthen us in Testing**



When we pray we put the matter into God's hands

We must ask without Doubting (Ja.1:5-8)



"Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death" (Ja.1:15)

"But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed" (Ja.1:14)

- Influenced by the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life (1Jn.2:15-17)
- God promises to not give us more than we can endure (1Co.10:13). He provides "the way". We choose whether to take the escape or not.



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ENDS IN DEATH