

The Big Idea: We live life in a spiritual minefield, we dare not trust ourselves. Father, keep us safe from harm.

I. Review

A. What we need to know about GOD

1. NAME
2. PROGRAM
3. PLAN

B. What we need to know about OURSELVES

1. DEPENDENT
2. FORGIVENESS
3. DANGERS

II. Constant vigilance

A. UNDERSTANDING temptation

1. What does it MEAN?

2. How it is USED – James 1

- Verses 2-4
- Verse 13

3. What are we ASKING?

- We’re not asking God to do what he ALREADY said he WOULDN’T do
- We’re not going to ask God to WITHHOLD a potential BENEFIT

- We’re asking for God’s PROTECTION in the midst of temptation (this is a FIGURE of speech = LITOTES)

➤ Temptation is part of LIFE

➤ Temptation follows a CONSISTENT pattern

➤ Temptation flourishes on DECEPTIVE thinking

B. OVERCOMING temptation

1. Recognize and know the ENEMY and his POWER

2. Recognize and know your own WEAKNESSES

3. Recognize and know the way of ESCAPE

- 1 Corinthians 10:13
- Romans 6:13
- Ephesians 6:11
- Galatians 5:16

III. What we take away...

You give Satan no advantage when God’s glory is the focus of your life; you daily get his Word into your heart and mind; you have people who can and will speak truth into your life.