

## ***“Fear Of Failing Temptation”***

**INTRODUCTION:** “*Temptation*” is a universal phenomenon.

**James 1:14** – We know what we ought to do, but we FAIL.

- Even Paul had a battle with temptation – Romans 7:15
- God shields us from many temptations that we couldn’t resist.
- Often we are subject to “*unintentional temptations*” – King David.
- Even Jesus was “*led up by the Spirit*” to be tempted – Matthew 4:1

**James 1:13** – God never tempts you to sin ... you are responsible, so you can’t blame God.

### **How To Have Victory Over Temptation:**

#### 1.- Understand Why God Allows Temptation

- 1 It’s A Test Of Loyalty – LIKE ... dating and marriage ...
  - Abraham’s loyalty was tested ... for a REASON – Genesis 22:12
  - Temptation is an opportunity to prove your love for God.
  - Temptation will leave you “*better off*” or “*worse off*”.
- 1 It’s A Test Of Character – It lets us see our true character.
  - Temptations will bring out the “*best*” or “*worst*” in you.
  - God had a reason for testing the Children of Israel – Deut. 8:2
  - Peter was tested, so he could see in himself what God saw in him.

#### 2.- Realize You Are Fully Responsible For Your Behavior

- Victory comes when you see your sin as against Almighty God.
- Peter recognized what he had done, as a SIN – Luke 22:61, 22:62

#### 3.- Know That Deliverance Is Possible

- **1 Corinthians 10:13** – God gives resources to resist temptation.
- You can’t blame God if you don’t resist temptation – 2 Peter 2:9

#### 4.- Thank God For Every Temptation

- **James 1:2** – God gives you opportunities every day to prove that you love Him.

### **CONCLUSION:**

- Temptation has the potential for FAILURE ... Satan’s purpose.
- Just say “*YES!*” to the victory that God has for you.