

# The Purpose of Temptation

*Growing Through Life – Part 3*  
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*James 1:12 (NLT) 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.*

## 1. \_\_\_\_\_ how temptation works

### A. Temptation begins with your \_\_\_\_\_

*James 1:14 (NIV) but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed.*

### B. Temptation ends with \_\_\_\_\_

*James 1:15 (NLT) These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.*

## 2. Embrace God's \_\_\_\_\_ in temptation

### A. \_\_\_\_\_ God's path

*1 Corinthians 10:13a (NIV) No temptation has seized you except what is common to man.*

*1 Corinthians 10:13b (NIV) 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.*

### B. Grow in \_\_\_\_\_

*Hebrews 4:15 (NIV) For we do not have a high priest [Jesus] 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.*

## 3. \_\_\_\_\_ your weakness

### A. \_\_\_\_\_ for temptation

*1 Peter 5:8 (NIV) Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.*

### B. \_\_\_\_\_ for God's help

*Hebrews 4:16 (NIV) Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.*