

# Snared But Saved

**James 1:12-16 (NLT)** [12] 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.[13] 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.[14] Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away.[15] These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.[16] So don't be misled, my dear brothers and sisters.[17] 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. [18] He chose to give birth to us by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession.

## 1. Temptation doesn't come from God, it comes from deep in me

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**Matthew 26:41 (NLT)** "Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak!"

**Genesis 4:7 (NIV)** "sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it."

## 2. Our desires draws us into sin

**James 1:15 (NLT)** "These desires give birth to sinful actions."

**Proverbs 5:22 (NIV)** The evil deeds of a wicked man ensnare him; the cords of his sin hold him fast.

## 3. The snare of sin leads to death

**James 1:15-16 (NLT)** "and when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.[16] So don't be misled, my dear brothers and sisters."

Eternal death- **Romans 6:23 (NIV)** For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Physical death- If you see another believer committing a sin that doesn't lead to death, you should pray that God would give that person life. This is true for those who commit sins that don't lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death.

## 4. Every good thing comes from God alone

**James 1:17-18 (NLT)** 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. He chose to give birth to us by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession.

**1 John 2:1-2 (TLB)** My little children, I am telling you this so that you will stay away from sin. But if you sin, there is someone to plead for you before the Father. His name is Jesus Christ, the one who is all that is good and who pleases God completely. He is the one who took God's wrath against our sins upon himself and brought us into fellowship with God; and he is the forgiveness for our sins, and not only ours but all the world's.