

## Father Knows Best Part 2

*“The Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. And the Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground — trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the Lord God commanded the man, ‘You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.’” Genesis 2:7-9, 15-17 (NLT)*

### 1. In my life I will be both tested and tempted

#### How do I respond when I am tested?

**Test:** the means by which the presence, quality, or genuineness of anything is determined

### 2. Expect it, because all faith is tested

*“Dear brothers and sisters, **when** troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.” James 1:2-4 (NLT)*

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**“...pray for one another...” James 5:16**

### 3. **Embrace it**; there is wisdom to be obtained

*“If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone. Do not waver, for a person with divided loyalty is as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is blown and tossed by the wind. Such people should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.”*  
James 1:5-8 (NLT)

### 4. **Employ it**, because it will be rewarded

*“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.”*  
James 1:12-13 (NLT)

- **When testing comes I need a surrendered will and a believing heart**

I am not sin; I would be better described as bait. Who am I?

### **Temptation**

## **What do I do with temptation?**

**Temptation:** is to be understood as relating to the state of the mind between the moment of the first entrance of the sinful thought, and the actual commission of the evil

### **Temptation is:**

- **Certain**
- **Disguised**
- **Not sin**
- **An invitation**
- **Accurate and targets weakness**

### 5. **Recognize it**; it is not from God

*“When tempted, no one should say, ‘God is tempting me.’ For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone.”*  
James 1:13 (NIV)

### 6. **Resist it**; it comes from evil desires

*“Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away.”*  
James 1:14 (NLT)

### 7. **Overcome it**; it gives birth to sin

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

**When temptation comes, I must focus on God and His word**