



James 1v13-18

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*“I have learned to kiss the wave that  
throws me against the rock of Christ”*



Charles Spurgeon

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Faith in action... when temptation strikes

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*Don't blame God!*

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**V13-14: For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; <sup>14</sup> but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed.**



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4v7: Submit yourselves, then, to God.

Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

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*“Every sin is an inside job!”*

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*“A fishing lure is a type of artificial bait used to attract and entice fish”*

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**V15:** Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

Evil desire



Sin



Death



## **2) Be aware of the dangers**

**V16:** Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters.

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*“There’s a way back to God from the dark paths of sin*

*There’s a door that’s wide open that we may come in*

*It’s at calvary’s cross, that’s where we begin*

*When we come as a sinner to Jesus”*



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