

Series Recap:

- Pride is _____ worship.
- Anger is always a _____ emotion.
- Envy's cause is _____ and its food is _____.
- Laziness can render us too lethargic to _____ and too sluggish to _____.

James 1:12-15

Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. ¹³When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; ¹⁴but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. ¹⁵Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

I. Tests vs. Traps

1. Trials - Tests sent by _____ to make us _____.
2. Temptations - Traps set by _____ to make us _____.
 - For every God-given _____ we have a God-given _____.
 - Lust appeals to our sexuality, yet it does not _____ us.

Lust - A desire for the forbidden

II. Four Steps in the Progression of Lust

1. The _____
2. The _____
3. The _____
4. The _____

III. Five Guidelines to Keep us from Satan's Trophy Room

1. Monitor your _____

Luke 17:1-2

Jesus said to his disciples: "Things that cause people to sin are bound to come, but woe to that person through whom they come. ²It would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around his neck than for him to cause one of these little ones to sin.

- The thermostat of temptation is set by the _____ we project.

2. Look for the _____ in every lure

Genesis 39:9

No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?"

- Falling to an _____ will always keep you from experiencing the thrill of the real thing.

1 Corinthians 6:18

Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body.

- Failure to _____ equals _____.

3. Monitor your _____

Job 31:1

"I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a girl.

- I will either make faith-based visual restrictions or experience restrictions in my _____.
- Images that sit will always _____.

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

4. Maximize your _____

1 Corinthians 7:5

Do not deprive each other except by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

- Sexual and emotional satisfaction reduces the _____ of lust.

5. Establish _____

Proverbs 27:17

As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.

- God doesn't often remove the _____ in our lives; he strengthens us to _____ them.