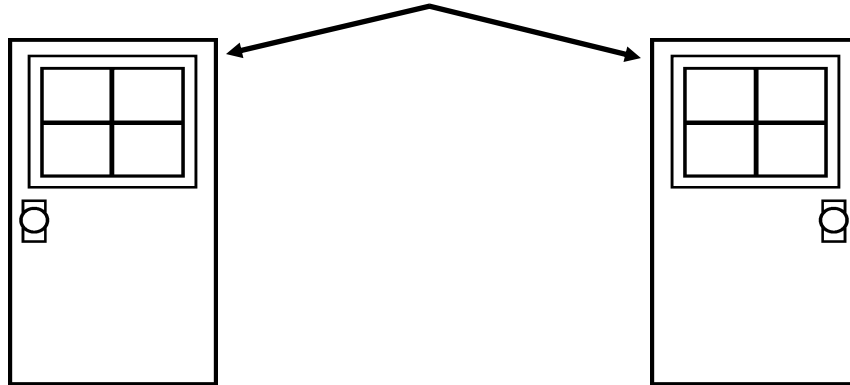


The Pivotal Difference Between Tests and Temptations

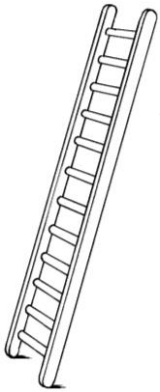
Day by Day in the Letter of James

"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet _____ of various kinds..." (James 1:2)



"...for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness." (James 1:3)

"Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am being tempted by God,' for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one." (James 1:13)



Romans 5:1-5

Suffering produces _____
 Endurance produces character
 Character produces _____
 Hope leads to joy in God

The AIM of tests:

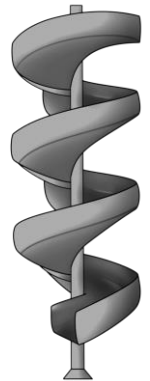
To help us _____ toward God
 (1 Pet 1:3-9; James 1:12)

James 1:14-15

_____ Enticed by own desire
 Desire conceives and _____ is born
 Sin brings forth death

The AIM of temptations:

To draw us _____ from God
 (Eph 4:26-27; James 1:16)



Examples recorded for our learning (Rom 15:4):

- ◆ "Did God actually say...?" (Gen 3:1-5)
- ◆ "After these things God tested Abraham..." (Gen 22:1-2)
- ◆ "After a time [Joseph's] master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, 'Lie with me'" (Gen 39:7)
- ◆ "The LORD your God...testing you to know what was in your heart" (Deut 8:1-2)
- ◆ "Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression..." (Gal 6:1)
- ◆ "In all this Job did not sin with his lips" (Job 2:10)
- ◆ "But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead" (2 Cor 1:8-10)

Our hope in God: 1 Cor 10:13; James 1:5-6; Heb 4:15-16; James 1:17-18; 1 Pet 1:22-23; 3:21