



Tests Surviving Life's Toughest Moments

Lesson Four: Opposing Tests June 6 & 7

Understand/Navigate/Detach/Oppose

The most important test, is the test that comes with your test

Some tests can be overcome by opposing them

1. Physical Problems
2. Financial Problems

Some tests can't be overcome by opposing them

1. Relationship Breakup
2. Death of a loved one

James 1:12 Happy are those who remain faithful under trials, because when they succeed in passing such a test, they will receive as their reward the life which God has promised to those who love him. *Good News Translation*

James 1:13 If we are tempted by such trials, we must not say, "This temptation comes from God." For God cannot be tempted by evil, and he himself tempts no one. *Good News Translation*

James 1:16 Do not be deceived, my dear friends! **17** Every good gift and every perfect present comes from heaven; it comes down from God, the Creator of the heavenly lights, who does not change or cause darkness by turning. *Good News Translation*

James 1:18 By his own will he brought us into being through the word of truth, so

that we should have **first place among all his creatures.** *Good News Translation*

James 1:13 If we are tempted by such trials, we must not say, “This temptation comes from God.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, and he himself tempts no one. *Good News Translation*

James 1:14 But **we are tempted when** we are drawn away and trapped by our own evil desires. **15** Then our evil desires conceive and give birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. *Good News Translation*

Three tests that come with your tests

1. Self-medicating
2. Self-pity
3. Questioning

Tempting the Lord

Exodus 17:7 The place was named Massah [*testing*] and Meribah, [*Complaining*] because the Israelites complained and **put the Lord to the test** when they asked, “**Is the Lord with us or not?**” *Good News Translation*

James 4:7 So then, **submit yourselves** to God. **Resist** the Devil, and he will run away from you. *Good News Translation*

1 Corinthians 10:13 Every test that you have experienced is the kind that normally comes to people. But God keeps his promise, and **he will not allow you to be tested beyond your power to remain firm;** at the time you are put to the test, he will give you the strength to endure it, and so provide you with a way out. *Good News Translation*