

The Race – What Trips Us?

Hebrews 12:1

The Race – What Is It? – Life in Christ.

The Race – What Is Needed? – Patient Endurance.

The Race – Who Encourages Us? The Many Witnesses of
Hebrews 11.

The Race – What Slows Us Down? Weights.

The Race – What Trips Us? Sin.

Barriers to Temptation in James 1:13-18

1. Verses 13-16 – God’s Judgment of Sin – looking ahead.
2. Verse 17 – God’s Goodness – looking around.
3. Verse 18 – God’s Purpose For Us – looking within.

I. Temptations Based On Questioning God’s Judgment On Sin

- James 1:15 - *Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.*

- Genesis 3:4 - *Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.*

A. This temptation involves questioning God’s Word – Numbers 32:23b - *you have sinned against the LORD; and be sure your sin will find you out.*

B. Illustrated in Pilgrim’s Progress

II. Temptations Based On Questioning God’s Goodness

- James 1:17 - *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.*

- Genesis 3:1b - *And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"*

A. We need settled in our mind the truth of God's goodness – James 1:17.

B. Satan sought to get Eve to question God's goodness – he will attempt it with us.

C. We need to review and meditate on God's goodness.

D. Illustrated in Pilgrim's Progress:

III. Temptations Based On Questioning God's Purpose For Us

- James 1:18 - *Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.*

- Genesis 3:5 - *For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."*

A. God gives us everything we need.

B. Satan wants us to question God's purpose in what He is doing for us.

C. Illustrated in Pilgrim's Progress