



**The Book of James**  
**Lesson 2: Trials and Temptations: James 1:1-20**

**1. Trials**

**James 1:1-4**

This scripture tells us that joy should be our \_\_\_\_\_

This scripture does \_\_\_\_\_ tell us where trials come from.

Definition of TRIAL (Greek word - PEIRA): \_\_\_\_\_

**2. The tempter**

**Matthew 4:1-3**

In Matthew 4:3 “the tempter” is the Greek word PEIARZO

Satan is the tempter. This is one of Satan’s names!

**3. Jesus was tempted by the devil.**

**Luke 4:1, 2**

Into = \_\_\_\_\_

The Holy Spirit led Jesus while He was in the wilderness. He did not lead Him there with the purpose of being tempted by the devil.

The Holy Spirit does not lead us to be tempted. He helps us \_\_\_\_\_ temptation!

Where does He lead us?

**Psalm 23:1, 2**

**James 1:2, 13**

The Greek word PEIRA is used in both of these verses.

God does not PEIRA anyone! He does not put anyone through a trial or temptation.

**1 Corinthians 10:13**

The devil is the \_\_\_\_\_ and God provides \_\_\_\_\_

#### **4. Enduring temptation**

**James 1:12**

Definitions of ENDURES:

- To hold one's ground in conflict
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Hold out under stress
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Persevere under pressure
- \_\_\_\_\_
- It is not a passive resignation to fate and mere patience, but rather it is the active energetic resistance to defeat that allows calm and brave endurance.

Definition of APPROVED or TRIED: One who is of tried faith and integrity

**James 1:14, 15**

Satan is the source of temptation, but that does not leave an excuse for the Christian.

When inner desire responds to outward temptation, sin is the result.

#### **5. Good gifts**

**James 1:16, 17**

Definition of GOOD: \_\_\_\_\_

A good gift is a gift that produces benefits.

Definition of PERFECT: That which has been brought to its end; finished; complete

**James 1:17 – The Amplified Bible**

*Every good gift and every perfect (free, large, full) gift is from above; it comes down from the Father of all [that gives] light, in [the shining of] Whom there can be no variation [rising or setting] or shadow cast by His turning [as in an eclipse].*

What does shadow of turning mean?

When a sundial had no shadow, the sun was at its peak.

God is always at \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Does God ever test you?**

God is not the \_\_\_\_\_

**2 Corinthians 4:4**

Satan is called the god of this age (or this world).

The laws that govern the earth today, for the most part, came into being with the fall of man and the curse that came into the earth.

Because people do not understand that, they accuse God of bad things that happen in their lives.

God is not responsible for, nor the author of anything evil, that happens in your life.

**John 6:5, 6**

Many theologians estimate that the crowd of people was about 50,000.

The question asked by Jesus was an impossibility. Even if Jesus and the disciples had the money, the task was an impossibility.

Jesus already knew what He was going to do.

If that is the case, why did Jesus ask Philip the question?

The Greek word for test gives the idea that Jesus was exposing to Philip the level of his faith.

You may think your faith is strong. However, you do not really know the quality of your faith until Jesus asks you to do something outside of your comfort zone.

The test is not for God to know what your faith will do. The test is for you to know what your faith will do.

When a new car is revealed there is a test drive for the public. It is not for the designers of the car to know what the car can do. It is for the people to know what the car can do.

When God tests your faith, it is not so that He can know the strength of your faith. It is for you to know the strength of your faith.

## **7. Walking in the Spirit**

### **James 1:18-20**

In context, James is still dealing with going through a trial. These are some of the qualities needed when the devil is putting you through a trial.

### **Galatians 5:16-26**

Walking in the Spirit is simply having \_\_\_\_\_  
operating in your life.

### **Proverbs 8:34**

### **Proverbs 18:13**