



OCTOBER 9

Overcoming Temptation

GET TALKING

- Why is temptation so tempting?

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13 When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; 14 but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. 15 Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. **JAMES 1:13-17**

DISCOVER AND DISCUSS THE LIFE HACK

7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up. **JAMES 4:7-10**

SUBMIT YOURSELF TO GOD

- Why is submitting to God essential for dealing with temptation?
- What does it look like to submit yourselves to God? In what ways can you focus on and understand God's will for your life?

RESIST THE DEVIL

- What can believers do to resist the devil when being tempted?
- What should believers do to resist the devil when they are feeling strong?
- What is the promise if you resist the enemy and draw near to God?

HUMBLE YOURSELF AND DRAW NEAR TO GOD

- Read James 4:9. How does a change in attitude help believers to submit to God and resist the devil?
- When tempted what does it look like to draw near to God? What do you do
- Read James 4:9. How does a change in attitude help believers to submit to God and resist the devil?
- Is there an area in your life right now you need to humble yourself, check your attitude and draw near to God?

PRAYER AND ENCOURAGEMENT



OCTOBER 16

Dealing with Conflict

GET TALKING

- In a conflict situation, what is your first response? Attack or Avoid

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1 What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? 2 You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. 3 When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. **JAMES 4:1-3**

DISCOVER AND DISCUSS THE LIFE HACK

19 My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, 20 because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. 21 Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. 22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. **JAMES 1:19-22**

QUICK TO LISTEN

- Why does the Bible teach us to be quick to listen as we deal with people?
- When we are listening to people, what should we be listening for?
- What habits or practices can you put in place to be a person who is quick to listen?

SLOW TO SPEAK

- Why is being slow to speak a good thing in the midst of conflict?
- *Read James 3:2-12.* What does James teach us about the power of the tongue?
- Is there a certain person or issue that makes you lose control of your tongue?

SLOW TO BECOME ANGRY

- Why does the Bible instruct us to be slow to become angry?
- If anger doesn't produce what we want in our relationships, why do we settle for it?
- When it comes to controlling your tongue and becoming angry, how self-controlled are you?
- What does it look like to be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry?
- How can this group help you deal with conflict in healthy ways?

PRAYER AND ENCOURAGEMENT



OCTOBER 23

Becoming Rich

GET TALKING

- When you were younger, what did you think it would be like if you were rich?

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DISCOVER AND DISCUSS THE LIFE HACK

BE RICH: TREAT PEOPLE EQUALLY

1 My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. **JAMES 2:1**

- How do we show unhealthy favoritism in our daily live?
- Why is favoritism a problem within a church or a small group?
- What are some practical ways that you can remind yourself that everyone has value?

BE RICH: TREAT PEOPLE BASED ON THEIR VALUE, NOT BASED ON THEIR VALUABLES

1 My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. 2 Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. 3 If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," 4 have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? **JAMES 2:1-4**

- Why type of discrimination was James warning the church against?
- What type of discrimination do you need to be on the look out for in your life?
- What are some practical ways that we can treat people based on their value?

BE RICH: IN YOUR ATTITUDE AND ACTIONS

8 If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. 9 But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. **JAMES 2:8-9**

12 Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, 13 because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment. **JAMES 2:12-13**

- What does it mean to you to be rich toward God?
- If someone were to look at the way you treat people, spend your money and time, what do you think they would say you value in your heart?
- Which of these do you need to focus on: being rich in good deeds, generosity, or relationships? What are you going to do about it?

PRAYER AND ENCOURAGEMENT



OCTOBER 30

Making Decisions

GET TALKING

- Tell us about a time when you needed God's wisdom.

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5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. 6 But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. 7 That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. 8 Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do. **JAMES 1:5-8**

DISCOVER AND DISCUSS THE LIFE HACK

BE SINGLE MINDED

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

6 in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. **PROVERBS 3:5-6**

- Is there a difference between looking to make a good decision or a wise decision?
- Why is being single minded essential to making wise decisions? Read James 1:6-8. How do we pursue God to find wisdom?
- Why is faith essential as we turn to God for wisdom?

LOOK AT YOUR LIFE

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. **JAMES 3:13**

- Tell us about someone in your life who is wise and understanding.
- How do our lives show the quality of our decisions?
- How can we show our good lives and remain humble at the same time?

CONDITION OF YOUR HEART

15 Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. 16 For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. **JAMES 3:15-16**

- In your own words, describe earthly wisdom?
- When are you tempted to listen to the world's wisdom rather than God's?

QUALITY OF YOUR ACTIONS

17 But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. 18 Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness. **JAMES 3:17-18**

- What is the end result of true wisdom? How does wisdom bring peace and make us peacekeepers?
- How can this group help you to pursue and walk in wisdom?

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