

## James 1:12-18

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## Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions.**

The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. Why does God promise the crown of life, not simply to those who endure, but to those who love him (v. 12)?
2. Why is it so important to understand that no one is tempted by God? Where does temptation come from? What would you say to someone who blames the devil for their sin (vv. 13-14)?
3. What does James mean by death in v. 15? Is he saying that Christians can lose their salvation? If not, what is he saying?
4. What truths about the new birth does James emphasize in vv 17-18? Commentator Alec Motyer describes the new birth as 'one of the most glorious truths in the whole Bible' and that 'it is no more possible for us to be agents or contributors to our new birth than it was for us in our natural birth.' (James, Bible Speaks Today). What does this profound truth mean to you?