

James 1

We are in constant danger of falling to the attractions, pleasures and pressures of temptation.

I am tempted to do what?

I have given in to temptation in this area of my life?

Evil cannot appeal to God for there is nothing in Him to be tempted.

Vs. 13 God cannot be tempted with evil.

But for us, we are full of things that can be tempted, indulged,

The Bible gives us an education on Sin.

From the very beginning in Genesis, we are introduced to it and its consequences.

People are always asking what are you preaching on, I usually say the Bible.

But many of my pastor friends say they are preaching on Sin.

And that they are against it, and not for it.

I have entitled today's message, **The Sequence of Sin**, part 2

We need to know how sin operates. How it works?

James 1:13

Let us stand for the reading of God's Holy Word.

James 1:13-16

Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

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But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

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Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

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Do not err, my beloved brethren.

Let us pray.

You may be seated.

The Sequence of Sin

James 1:14

But every man is tempted

Just because we are tempted does not mean we sinned.

Temptation is not to be equated with sin.

Jesus Christ was tempted. **Matt. 4**

Yet He never sinned.

Heb. 4:15

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

James 1:14

But every person is tempted (by his own sinful nature)

The source of our sin is from within us.

It is our own will, desires, lusts, inner cravings.

The cause of sin is in ourselves.

All sins begin with the desires of man.

Inner selfish desires lurk in all of us.

Every person is tempted by his own desires, not by God, not by the devil.

Neither God or satan is responsible for our sin.

In us is a seed plot of all sin, so all sin lies in wait for its birth.

Within our own hearts are seated many evil desires and they can be enticed.

We have the capacity to sin.

How did this happen to me? When did I get this sin problem?

It is built within and passed down to us from our parents.

We inherit sin from our parents, as our parents inherited sin from their parents, all the way back to Adam and Eve.

Everyone born into this world is born a sinner.

We have a sinful nature from birth.

Sin has corrupted us in our entirety.

Adam's sin is credited to our account and we stand guilty before God.

Sin was imputed to all people through Adam.

Hence all people are guilty and all people will die.

Rom. 5:12

Wherefore, as by one man, sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

The imputation of Adam's sin to the human race.

Through Adam, all people have been plunged into this problem of sin.

God describes for us our condition.

All people are born into a condition of sinfulness.

Have you sinned?

What does **James 2:10** teach us?

For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

It is called the Sin nature and every man and woman and every child, every baby has it.

We have within us an inherent, inherited and positive disposition toward sin.

It is natural to sin.

To lie, to cheat, to steal.

The Bible says plainly,

Jer. 17:9

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Sin occurs in the internal of man.

We do not have to do a physical act in order to sin.

We can sin in our hearts, in our minds, in our thinking.

When did David sin with Bathsheba? Long before he touched her.

If sin was only in the physical action, a paralyzed man could never sin.

Sin is conceived internally and may or may not manifest itself externally.

Sin can be internal without ever being external.

Jesus said,

Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:

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But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. **Matt. 5:27-28**

Men, have we committed this sin?

Do we struggle with impure thoughts?

Do we know what it is to have a dirty mind?

We can commit sins in our thought life and we have!

We can sin without any outside influences because we have a sinful nature.

Within every individual is the capacity of sin.

The full capacity without any outside help.

These inner desires, human desires, fleshly desires draw a person out of safety and into dangerous waters.

This inner craving draws the man out like a fish is drawn out of his hiding place by a lure, By bait.

When a person is drawn away vs. 14

Drawn away - the beginning step of temptation.

I am sorry to say that there is not way for us to disarm temptations.

We do not get timeouts from temptation in life.

There is no age when temptation is over except for death.

Temptations, we cannot escape them. We cannot get out of danger.

Man's worst enemy and most dangerous tempter is the corruption of his own nature.

Now there is movement, toward sin.

This is the yielding part

AS believers, we can yield to the Spirit of God or yield to our flesh

When I yield to the Spirit of God

The Bible says,

Gal. 5:16

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

I will not sin.

When I yield to my flesh and do not stop my fleshly desires, lustful desires

Well, here we go fulfilling the lusts of our flesh and our mind. **Eph. 2:3**

Beyond the prescribed limits.
Beyond the limits of the law,
Beyond the limits of marriage,
Beyond the limits of purity,

Beyond the limits of truth,
Beyond the limits of conscience

and therefore we become guilty of transgression, guilty of trespassing

We have sinned against God, against ourselves and possibly others.

We give way to the evil propensity of our heart, like a dam that gives way with a trickle
and the rush begins

A small trickle can end into total and complete devastation.

Drawn away from safety, morality into sin.

By our own desires.

And enticed, only time this word is used in the NT.

And enticed, not forced

Enticement means to be taken with bait.

Enticement can be found in many different sources.

Enticement is something used to attract or to tempt someone; a lure

Enticed means to arouse the evil elements that exist in us.
Seducing idea/being seduced

Waking the wrong desires up.
Lusts can be heightened, they can be called to attention.

We can entice ourselves, others can entice us,

We can be enticed by what we see, hear, feel, smell

From all the inlets of senses of the body.

Television, smart phone, music, people, food

This is why the Bible teaches us in **Proverbs 3:5** to
Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

We should not trust ourselves, why?

What are the sources of enticement in my life?

What individuals are enticing me to sin?

What am I allowing to energize my sinful desires?

boyfriend/girlfriend

So called friends

Youtube

Video games

What is striking the sinful chords in us?

Be careful,

Prov. 1:10

My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

Proverbs 16:29

A violent man enticeth his neighbour, and leadeth him into the way that is not good.

Delilah enticed Samson. **Judges 16:5**

Enticement is the pouring on of gas to the sinful flames that are subdued presently.

Enticement is the push that we needed to open the door.

Genesis 4:7

God told Cain as he tells us, "sin lieth at the door."

They lie in wait for us.

All we have to do is allow it to inflame us.

Eph. 4:27

Neither give place to the devil.

And when we give ground, and open the door.

We have decided to go ahead.

It is at this point that sin is born.

And when allurement awakens or draws out a response in man. Sin is not far behind.

Plans of gratification are formed.

Desires of the flesh are indulged,

When we seek that which is forbidden,

When we invade territory that we are not supposed to be,

When we violate the rights of others, or God

When we break the laws of God and man

The result is SIN.

Vs. 15

Then when lust hath conceived (become pregnant, taken root, gained traction),
it bringeth forth sin:

We are given biological imagery regarding sin.

A biological illustration of sin.

Medical word to give birth

The desire conceives and from this conception, sin is born.

Every sin has certain stages or a pattern that leads to its manifestation.

At what step does or at what point does temptation become sin?

In the drawing away

Sin is conceived in the internal of man.

So first, man is deceived, he deceives himself.

He believes he can sin and there will be no punishment, no consequences.

He has been tricked to believe that sin is worth it.

That it will not hurt him,

That his desires are more important than God, the Bible, fellow citizens or the law.

He thinks he knows what is best.

He has chosen to Disbelieve what God said, parents say, teacher, law says, and He is trusting his own ability to manage sin.

Having turned aside or having turned away from God, man gives himself to his desires.

Sin has conceived, it has birthed, it has gained traction, and man may eventually act upon his desires.

But whether he acts or not, he has committed sin.

The will yields to lust and conception takes place.

Sin is born.

Sin is the union of the will and lust.

Sin promises pleasure but usually it is short lived.

Temptation takes aim at man's own lust and corruption inside of him, and so he is allured and drawn aside, to sin.

The steps are very clear.

The Sequence of Sin

Part 3 Wednesday night.

Let us stand for closing invitation

II Cor. 5:19

To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

I Peter 2:24

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

We carry in our bodies that wicked corruption because we were born with corrupt seed and need to be born again by incorruptible seed.

Tempted in business to dishonesty,

tempted to lie and deceive.

Stolen waters are sweet,

something for nothing,

Rebuke and reject temptation

Remove our self from enticements