

SERMON NOTES

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AN UNDIVIDED HEART FOR GOD: HUMILITY AND TEMPTATION

James 1:9-18

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BIG IDEA: During trials and temptations we must focus on <u>God</u>.

POVERTY AND WEALTH (vv. 9-11)

Regardless of our lot in life (rich or poor), it is only temporary. (Psalm 102:11)

We must put our identity into things that will never <u>fade</u>. (Isaiah 40:7)

BLESSEDNESS DERIVED FROM TRIAL AND TEMPTATION (vv. 12-15)

There is a reward when we <u>endure</u> trials. (1 Peter 3:14)

God does not <u>entice</u> people with <u>sin</u>. (1 Thessalonians 3:5)

External temptations attract our sinful nature. (Matthew 26:41)

THE SOURCE OF ALL GOOD THINGS (vv. 16-18)

Every good gift comes from God. (Psalm 85:10-13)

The greatest gift of all is <u>new life</u> in Christ. (1 Peter 1:23)

QUESTIONS TO PONDER

How should we overcome temptation? What is God's biblical strategy in doing so?

What are some practical ways to remember God's unchanging goodness during difficult trials in your life?