

“Going Head to Head: Temptations Versus Testings”

Text: James 1:12-18

Did you know that God loves a real testing? And don't you? We may think that “test” is a dirty word, but it appears that God is all for it.

PLEASE STAND as we read our Text this morning: James 1:12-18.

1. The _____ of Testing Is the _____.
- vs. 12

- And persevering marks one who has done so successfully: faithfully, morally, obediently, graciously.

2. The _____ to Success When Tested Is _____.
- vs. 12

There is NOTHING, absolutely nothing that can so powerfully compel us to action – right action, good action, holy action as Love.

3. The _____ Is _____
Between Testing & Tempting. – Vs. 13-18

- God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He tempt anyone to evil.
- Our own evil desires cause our failure.

Get this. Don't confuse things. Don't be deceived (vs. 16).

- Good is good!
- All good things come down from the good and holy God above.
- He is the God of Light.
- Satan is the God of Darkness and Shadows.
- Satan tries to make evil look good.
- Don't get sucked into his lies.

In life there are two teams battling it out to see who will eventually stand victoriously. Those teams are NOT the **Eagles and the Patriots!** Those teams are the **Kingdom of Light and the Dominion of Darkness.**

READ vs. 18 – Be the firstfruits of something truly great and holy!