

How to Win Over Temptation

A Study on the Book of James

James 1:12-18

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- ❷ **AN INSIDE JOB - WATCH YOUR BACK!**
(James 1:13b-14a,16)

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(James 1:14b)

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(James 1:15-16)

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(James 1:17)

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(James 1:18)

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