



JESUS - UNDERSTANDING

Sermon: Jesus—Understanding

TEXT:

James 1:12-18

12 Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. 13 When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; 14 but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. 15 Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. 16 Don’t be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. 17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. 18 He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

THE UNDERSTANDING WE NEED:

Genesis 4:7

If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.

1. When sin is _____ at your _____, it customizes its _____.

Notice the parallels between these verses:

1 John 2:16 ...everything in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life... comes from the world.

Genesis 3:6

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

Luke 3:3 5, 9

3 The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

5 The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.

9 The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, throw yourself down from here.

THE UNDERSTANDING WE NEED:

2. Sin will call God's _____ into _____.

a. Genesis 3:1b (Satan said) Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'

b. Psalm 119:11 Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.

THE UNDERSTANDING WE NEED:

3. After God's _____ is called into question, sin comes under _____.

a. Ephesians 4:26-27 And "don't sin by letting anger control you." Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, 27 for anger gives a foothold to the devil.

b. Proverbs 4:23 You must carefully guard your thoughts because they are the source of life.

THE UNDERSTANDING WE NEED:

4. After consideration, sin is _____.

a. Hebrews 11:25 (Moses) Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

THE UNDERSTANDING WE NEED:

5. The enemy tries to _____ you there is _____.

a. 1 Corinthians 10:13 The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.

b. Acts 3:19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

DAILY ACTION WE NEED TO TAKE:

1. I WILL Trust God's _____.

a. Psalm 119:89 Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven.

DAILY ACTION WE NEED TO TAKE:

2. I WILL Rest in God's _____.

a. Psalm 73:1 Truly God is good ... to such as are pure in heart.

b. Ephesians 2:10 He made you well; you are a beautiful work of art, created in Christ Jesus for good works.

DAILY ACTION WE NEED TO TAKE:

3. I WILL Submit to God's _____.

a. James 4:7 ...Submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

DAILY ACTION WE NEED TO TAKE:

4. I WILL Follow God's _____.

a. Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

Conclusion:

God's Word, His goodness, His authority, and His plan, all helps us overcome sin and rule over it in our life!

Reflection:

1. Which voice do you hear the loudest?
2. Do you manage your spiritual intake each day?
3. It takes a daily maintenance!