



When our lives get intersected by some form of unpleasant trial, if we're NOT careful, we can point the finger at God

James 1:13-15



**What is actually to blame
for our being tempted?**

**Our deceitfully wicked
and sin-filled hearts**



“Trials” and “Temptations” =
to test, to scrutinized;
to examine; to try;
it also means to entice;
to dangle a lure



When it's used in the **positive sense, it means "**Trials**" and when it's used in the **negative** sense, it means "**Temptations**"**

I Corinthians 10:13



**When temptations arise,
we are **NOT** helpless,
in God's strength, we are
able to **endure** that
temptation**





INSIDE OPPOSITION

James 1:13

Matthew 4:1-11



Two big differences:

1 – Jesus is **100% God** and **100% man**: both realities, **God CAN'T be tempted** by evil and **Jesus was led into the wilderness to be tempted**, are true



**2 – Jesus was tempted by an
outside source; it WASN'T an
internal temptation to commit
evil, like we experience**

James 1:12



**Do you see the progression
to **correctly** responding?**

1st = you **encounter a trail
(your faith is put to the test)**



2nd = you respond to that trial with endurance and perseverance

(you pass the test)

3rd = you choose to endure the trial (resulting in you maturing)



**4th = it culminates in you
receiving the Crown of Life
(Heaven)**

James 1:13-15



**1st = you face a situation
that tests your faith
(you have a choice)**

**2nd = you regrettably toy with
that temptation
(and you're carried away)**



3rd = you cross a line

**(action occurs – temptation
has birthed sin)**

4th = unrepentant and

unaddressed and unpaid for sin,

results in death (eternal

separation from God)

