

## Bible Study 4 – Understanding temptation – James 1:12-15

*Tiger Woods was the world's greatest golfer. And a perfect family life was a part of his image. But after a car crash in 2009, it became obvious that he had had affairs with many women. A Golf Club Chairman said, "Our hero did not live up to the expectations of the role model we saw for our children".*

*David Petraeus was America's best-known general and star on the battlefield. He commanded in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. After this he was head of the Central Intelligence Agency. And there was talk of him running for the US Vice-Presidency. But an extramarital affair led to his downfall.*

*On both of these occasions, temptation led to ruining people's lives.*

<b>The context</b>	James was probably the brother of Jesus and a prominent elder at the original church at Jerusalem. This letter was written in about AD 46 to Jewish Christians who had been scattered by persecution (1:1; 8:1; 11:19). It refers to their trials and oppression. The theme is that Christian faith expresses itself in a life of godliness. His first topic is persevering through trials and temptations.
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### **PART 1 Read & summarise each section – James 1:12-15**

Reward for perseverance in trials (v.12)	
Temptation & God (v.13)	
The process of temptation (v.14-15)	

### **PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage**

**1. What I learnt about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit.**

**2. What I learnt about people like us.**

**3. Summarise a key verse in your own words.**

**4. In your opinion, what are the most important biblical principles being taught?**

**5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?**

**6. Ever since Adam and Eve we have failed to take responsibility for our sins (Genesis 3:12-13). What are some of the excuses given today for sinfulness?**

**7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?**

Let's take responsibility for our own behaviour by not letting our thoughts get out of control.



