

IV. TEMPTATION IS **WINNABLE** (1:16-18)

- A. You must rely on **God** to win over temptation. (v16-17)

*“Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”*

Matthew 26:41

*“Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.”*

I John 4:4

*“No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”*

I Corinthians 10:13

*“7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

*8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.”*

James 4:7-8

- B. You must receive a new divine nature by being **born again** to win over temptation. (v18)

*“Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”*

John 3:3

*“Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”*

II Peter 1:4

**OBEY GOD’S WORD ABOUT TEMPTATION**

*“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:”*

Matthew 7:24

**UNSHAKABLE  
STANDING STRONG WHEN THINGS GO WRONG  
Temptation  
Pastor Steve Reynolds**

**INTRODUCTION**

- A. What storms in your life are shaking you? The storms of life will cause you to fall unless you build a rock solid life.

*“He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, Out of the miry clay, And set my feet upon a rock, And established my steps.”*

Psalms 40:2

- B. During the Unshakable spiritual growth campaign you will learn how to stand strong when things go wrong. This teaching series will focus on the top storms of life that will shake you.

Oct 5	Rock Solid Life
Oct 12	Lack Of Purpose
Oct 19	Marriage Issues
Oct 26	Career Challenges
Nov 2	Failure
Nov 9	Family Problems
Nov 16	Illness
Nov 23	Doubt
TODAY	Temptation
Dec 7	Financial Stress
Dec 14	Death
Dec 21	Disconnection From God

These are tough times! Come and hear these messages and discover how the Bible can help you to be Unshakable!

- C. **TEXT:** James 1:12 (Pew Bible/Pg. 231/New Testament)

Those who endure temptation will experience **happiness** on earth and a **crown** in heaven.

## HOW TO STAND STRONG OVER TEMPTATION

### I. TEMPTATION IS **INEVITABLE** (1:13a, 14a)

#### A. **Everyone** is tempted to sin.

*“Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—”* Romans 5:12

*“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,”* Hebrews 12:1

#### B. It is not a sin to be tempted, but it is a sin to **give into** temptation.

*“For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.”* Hebrews 4:15

*“12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.*

*13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.”*

Romans 6:12-13

### II. TEMPTATION IS **INEXCUSABLE** (1:13b-14b)

#### A. Do no play the **blame** game (v13b).

*11 And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?”*

*12 Then the man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.”*

*13 And the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?”* Genesis 3:11-13

**God**, nor **others** are the source of your temptation.

#### B. Your **flesh** is the source of your temptation (v14b).

*“Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,”* I Peter 2:11

#### OLD NATURE

##### **Flesh**

- Loves **sin**
- **Hates** The Bible
- Desires **earthly** things
- **Rejects** Spiritual Truth

#### NEW NATURE

##### **Spirit**

- Loves **righteousness**
- **Honors** the Bible
- Desires **Heavenly** things
- **Receives** Spiritual Truth

### III. TEMPTATION IS **PREDICTABLE** (1:14-15)

#### A. The stages of temptation are **consistent**.

*“lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices..”* II Corinthians 2:11

Stage 1: **Desire** (v14c)

Stage 2: **Deception** (v14d)

Stage 3: **Disobedience** (v15a)

Stage 4: **Death** (v15b)

#### B. These stages **began** with Adam and Eve and **continue** with us (Genesis 3:5-6).

*“But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.”*

II Corinthians 11:3