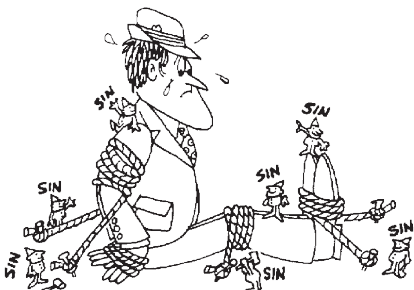




9 Now the believer of humble means should take pride in his high position. 10 But the rich person's pride should be in his humiliation, because he will pass away like a wildflower in the meadow. 11 For the sun rises with its heat and dries up the meadow; the petal of the flower falls off and its beauty is lost forever. So also the rich person in the midst of his pursuits will wither away. 12 Happy is the one who endures testing, because when he has proven to be genuine, he will receive the crown of life that God promised to those who love him. 13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted by evil, and he himself tempts no one. 14 But each one is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desires. 15 Then when desire conceives, it gives birth to sin, and when sin is full grown, it gives birth to death. 16 Do not be led astray, my dear brothers and sisters. 17 All generous giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or the slightest hint of change. 18 By his sovereign plan he gave us birth through the message of truth, that we would be a kind of firstfruits of all he created. 19 Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters! Let every person be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger. 20 For human anger does not accomplish God's righteousness.



Giving Birth To Sin

1. Why does James introduce the rich into a discussion of trials (1:9–11)?
2. Why are we blessed for enduring testing (1:12)?
3. If God does not *tempt* man, how do we explain His *testing* of Abraham?
4. How do temptations draws us into sin (1:14)?
5. How does sin give birth to death (1:15)?
6. Was Christ tempted to sin as we are (cf. Heb. 2:18; 4:15)?
7. Where do all good gifts come from (1:17)?
8. Why did God redeem us (1:18)?
9. Why should we be "quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger" (1:19)?
10. What will produce the "accomplish God's righteousness" (1:20)?