



EQUAL GROUND

James 1:9-18 (NKJV)

How Do We Measure Success?

- Missionary couple returning home

Vs. 9 “Let the humble brother boast”

- What should they boast in?
- Where is their boasting?

Vs. 10 Where should the rich boast?

- “In his humility”
- Does wealth exclude the rich from being followers of Christ?
- What instructions does Paul give to the wealthy?
1 Tim.6:17-18
- Is wealth evil? 1 Timothy 6:10

Vs. 10b – 11 Lessons from nature

- Quote from Isaiah 40:6-8
- Reminds them that they though are comfortable in this life, it is only this life.

Vs.12 The rewards of overcoming temptation

- The crown of life with a promise
- To those who love Him

Vs. 13 Where does temptation come from?

- Does not come from God. Why?

Can the devil make you sin?

- What is the devil’s mandate? John 10:10
- What is the devil’s character? John 8:44
- Tempt but cannot make you sin against God

Vs. 14 Where does temptation come from?

- “But each is tempted by his own lusts, lured away and enticed”
- Matt.15:18-19

Vs. 14-15 How does it work? Two analogies

- Lured away and enticed
- Pregnancy

Vs. 16 The sin of self-deception

- 1 Cor. 10:12
- Hebrews 5:14

Vs. 17 The Father of Lights

- The gift given and the gift received

Vs. 18 The unmistakable contrast

- Sin that leads to death in vs. 15 and the word of truth that leads to life in vs. 18

1 John 1:9 The way back

Welcome Home!