7-12-26 Sermon Notes

James 1:12-13: 12 God blesses those who patiently endure testing
and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God
has promised to those who love him. 13 And remember, when you are
being tempted, do not say, “God is tempting me.” God is never
tempted to do wrong,[c] and he never tempts anyone else.

James 1:14-15: 14 Temptation comes from our own desires, which
entice us and drag us away. 15 These desires give birth to sinful
actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.

1 Corinthians 10:12: 12 If you think you are standing strong, be
careful not to fall.

Galatians 5:19-23: 19 When you follow the desires of your
sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality,
impurity, lustful pleasures, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hostility,
quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition,
dissension, division, 21 envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and
other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before,
that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom
of God. 22 But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our
lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law
against these things!

Jeremiah 17:9: “The human heart is the most deceitful of all things,
and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?

James 1:16-18: 16 So don't be misled, my dear brothers and
sisters. 17 Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us
from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens.[d] He
never changes or casts a shifting shadow.[e] 18 He chose to give birth
to us by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became
his prized possession.

Psalm 119:11 says, "I have hidden your word in my heart,
that I might not sin against you." Don't just read His Word, memorize it!

1 Corinthians 10:13: 13 The temptations in your life are no different
from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the
temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he
will show you a way out so that you can endure.

ACTION STEPS

1. What temptations are you currently facing, and have they been dealt with?
2. Maybe you've fallen; have you confessed those things to God and asked for forgiveness?