

Margin

INTRODUCTION

We often do not realize that our lack of margin is a direct result of sin in our lives. Every change in your situation, whether it's a good change or a bad change, every adversity, every prosperity, every success, or every failure is something that will push you to become a much better person or a much worse person than you were before, but you will not stay the same.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How are trials and temptations the same? How are they different?
2. Discuss how coming into wealth can make you better. Discuss how it can make you worse?
3. James 1:13-14. What is the sole cause of sin?
4. Describe the difference between "cause" and "occasion" as related to sin.
5. When have you mistaken cause for occasion with a recent sin.
6. Relate James 1:14-15 with a real world example (an overdesire for something that leads to a sin that leads to death).
7. Explain why "just saying no" does not help fight temptation alone. Why does it take spiritual passion and beauty to fight sinful passion and desire?

MOVING FORWARD

"The only way to break the hold of a beautiful object on the soul is to show it an object even more beautiful." - Thomas Chalmers

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Every single person to walk this earth will pick a fight: they will either fight God because they choose to love their sin, or they will fight sin because they are loved by Jesus.

We fight sin by looking to a mighty Savior who was tempted in every way that we are, yet walked sinlessly (Heb. 4:15), died as our substitute, and rose again by the same power that now lives in us through the Holy Spirit.