## Different Paths, Different Outcomes

### I. The Desire of Man (13-15)

Temptations are _____ to my _____ that draw me

out of _____ and into _____.

### II. The Desire of God (16-18)

The will of God is to give me _____, and He won't _____!

If I keep the outcomes in mind, I'll choose the hard path of _____

rather than the easy path of _____.

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message.  Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point.  They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.*

1. What was a difficult temptation that you faced?  How did you respond? What helped, or didn't help?

2. Read James 1:13-15.  What is no one to say?  Why not?

 Why can God not be tempted by sin? (See also 1 Peter 1:14-16)

3. What is a temptation?  How is it different from a trial?

 Compare the temptations of Adam & Eve (Genesis 3) and Jesus (Matthew 4:1-11).  In what ways are they similar and in what ways different?

 What starting point, progression, and end of a temptation are given in verses 14-15?

 Explain what the end means.

 What help do you find to resist sin in knowing this progression, and the following verses - Matthew 6:13; 26:41; 1 Corinthians 10:13?

4. Read James 1:16-18.  What does verse 17 tell us about God?  Why is this important to know?  What does it have to do with temptations?

5. What does verse 18 tell us God did and why?  What does this have to do with temptations?

6. What kinds of temptations are most challenging for you?  How is verse 16 helpful for making application to verses 13-15 and verses 17-18?