

Open Windows I - Desire (Temptations Series – Part II)

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1. When you think about the windows in your home, what are some good aspects of windows, and what are some bad ones?
2. Pastor Steve starts out with a question that we all wrestle with from time to time. Why do we say one thing and do something else? We say we love God, but we act as if we love other things more. Why?
3. If by nature we are full of sin, then we might as well give up and quit trying to be good, right?
4. Even if we are mindful of the sin crouching outside the door of our lives (last week's sermon), there are ways in which we might be tempted that, in and of themselves, are not sinful, but they can lead to sin. Pastor Steve likens these to the windows of our lives. This week's "window" is entitled Desire. How would you define desire?
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5. Motivational speakers urge us to have great desire, so that we can accomplish our goals. So is desire a wolf in sheep's clothing or is it an important attribute to have?
6. Read James 1:13-15 and watch the progression that can occur if we let personal desires control us.
7. Read James 4:1-3 and see if you can identify the problem being described.

8. Read James 4:4-5 and identify the underlying source of our problem.

9. The solution is then described in James 4:6-8. How would you summarize the instructions?

10. So our problems are all solved, right? Read James 4:9-10 and try to figure out what happened.

11. At the end Pastor Steve described three ways to guard our window called Desire. What are they and how do we implement them?

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