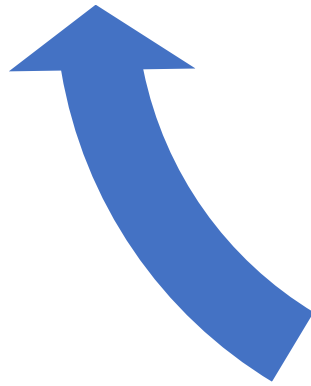




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"It is not a God, just and good, but a devil, under the name of God, that the Bible describes."

Thomas Paine



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James 1:12 Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. Don't be deceived, my dear brothers. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of all he created.

Yes, God tests

No, God does not tempt

1. Testing almost always includes temptation.
2. We turn testing into temptation.
3. Temptation is not sin and it can be resisted.

The Fool's Biography

- Chapter 1:** **Temptation**
- Chapter 2:** **Sin conceived**
- Chapter 3:** **Sin birthed.**
- Chapter 4:** **Sin maturing**
- Chapter 5:** **DEATH**

The evil deeds of a wicked man ensnare him; the cords of his sin hold him fast. He will die for lack of discipline, led astray by his own great folly.

Proverbs 5

Does not wisdom call out? Does not understanding raise her voice? ...For whoever finds me finds life and receives favor from the Lord.

Proverbs 8

1. Every trial brings opportunity for growth.
(If we turn towards God)
2. Every trial brings opportunity for temptation.
(To turn from God)

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

1 Cor. 10:13



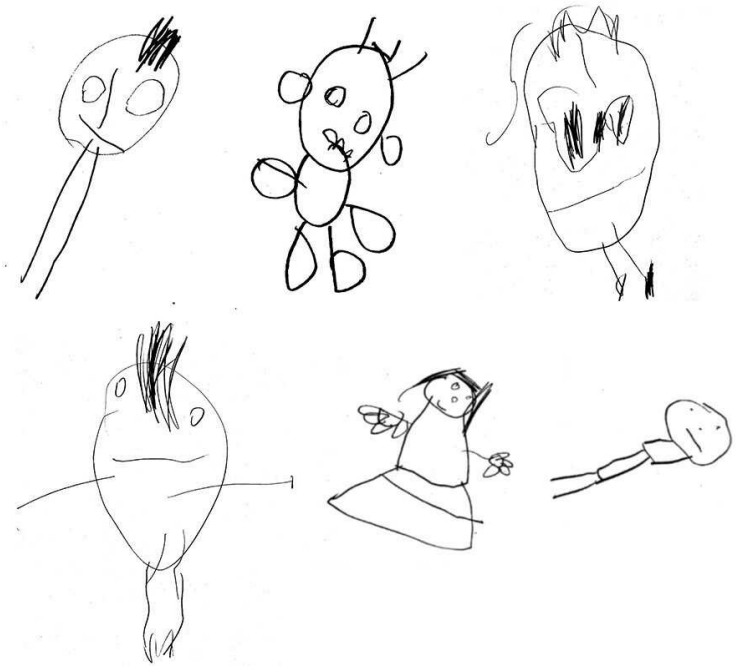
Conventional wisdom confuses trials and temptations

"Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing."
Job 1:22

"My ears had heard of you, but now my eyes have
seen you."

Job 42:5





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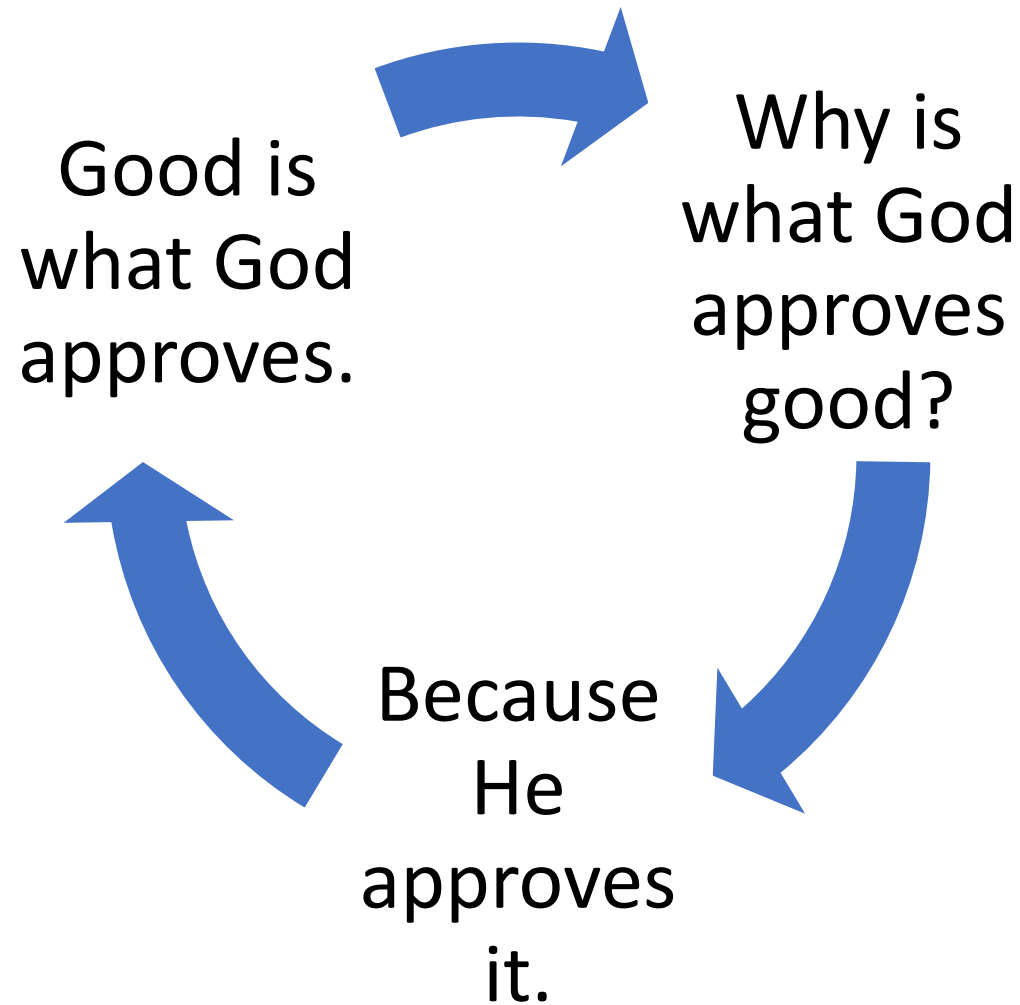
James 1:16-18

Don't confuse trials and temptations.

Every trial has the potential to move us towards to
God.

-and-

Every trial has the potential to tempt us to move
away from God.



Trials can grow our faith, when by faith we take God off trial