

“My dear brothers, DO NOT [allow yourselves to] be deceived.” *(1:16)*

When tempted, one way to **RESIST**  
is to **REFOCUS**.

The war is not with a substance or  
subject. It is with your thoughts.

The human heart does not contain **truth** or **authority**; therefore, it can be **successfully** deceived.

God, who is light, **GIVES** his nature/wisdom so that we cannot be deceived by temptation.

“He chose to give us birth through  
the word of truth...” *(1:18)*

Through the birth (gift) of his nature,  
our mind/thoughts can receive light...  
Both **understanding** and the **power**  
that understanding brings.

- Fallen angels or evil spirits are not tempted because of WHO they are.
- We are tempted because of WHO we are.

**GOD'S child is SATAN'S target!**



Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial. When he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. *(1:12)*

SATAN'S TEMPTATION IS GOD'S TEST

So let motivation be not RESISTANCE,  
but REWARD.