

“The Blame Game” **James 1:13-16**

Intro:

The context (from vs. 12) is dealing with “*perseverance*” and the product of perseverance is life.

The lack of perseverance has a product, just like perseverance has a product – the lack of perseverance brings about: **Verse 15** – death.

The process of sin, *feels like life* – sometimes. The product of sin is death, but the process sometimes feels great. **Verse 14**

The word “*enticed*” has to do with fishing. Putting bait on a hook,

When sin is conceived; what is born is very much alive, but what is born kills everything it touches. What has been born is a killer.

You are ultimately responsible for your choices, your responses, and your behaviors. The sin that you are in right now is altogether yours

Blaming others prevents vulnerability in me. It prevents brokenness, and it prevents genuine repentance, and among other things it is to divert attention away from me.

Application:

By perseverance: character is built, relationships grow, children are protected, people are made safe, and the Kingdom of God is established in your heart, and in my heart, and in our families.

- ***Everything that perseverance touches grows.***