

Studies In The Book James Faith In Action!

Lesson 6

Read James 1:16 – 18

Introduction: *“God is the Author of Light, and with Him is not darkness at all, not so much as a shadow. The dark shadows that bring their gloom and sadness to the human heart comes from an earthly source. When we allow anything to come between God and us, we must walk in the shadows without the light of His countenance. But He has not changed. He does not cast the shadows. If there are shadows without the Light, it is because we have turned our faces from Him, thereby causing them ourselves. Let us behold Him daily in the beauty of holiness that we may experience the Light of His presence and reflect that Light to others.”*

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1. Many times in scripture we are warned *do not be deceived*. What do the following passages teach us about being deceived?
 - Galatians 6:7 – 8
 - 1 John 1:8
 - 1 Corinthians 3:16 – 18
 - Ephesians 5:3 – 7
 - Matthew 24:4,11,24
 - 2 Timothy 3:12 – 13

In James 1:17 the word *gift* is used two times with two different meanings in the Greek. The first *gift* is *dois* and is the *act of giving*. The second word for *gift* is *dorema*, meaning *the thing given the gift*. The thought here is rich and beautiful. Both the act of giving and the gift are good. The act of giving would seem to include both the motive and the measure. When God gives, He has no ulterior motive such as giving to receive again.

2. What did Jesus say about giving according to Luke 6:30 – 38?

- What do the following scriptures teach you about God's sacrificial giving?
 - John 3:16

 - John 6:32 - 37

 - John 10:11, 27 – 28

- How has God demonstrated His unconditional giving to you?
(Refer to Romans 8:32 & 1 Timothy 6:17)

3. According to James 1:17 *every good and perfect gift comes from above*. According to the following passages what are some other good things that come from above?

- John 3:31

- John 6:38 – 39,51

- Philippians 2:9 – 11

4. What do you think James is referring to when he says, *every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights?*

- According to Genesis 1:14 – 18 what good gifts did God create above to sustain and bless us with?

- What did Jesus declare in John 8:12 and John 12:32 – 36?

- According to Ephesians 5:8 – 14 and I John 1:5 – 7 what are we to understand as men of God?

5. James 1:17 declare *there is no variation or shadow of turning*. What insight do we learn from Hebrews 1:10–12 and Hebrews 13:8 that encourages your faith?

6. What glorious truth do we learn from James 1:18?