

“Do No Be  
Deceived”

James 1:16-18

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## *The Gospel of Luke: Meeting Our Savior*

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- ▶ Read 1 Cor. 4:7. In what ways might you subtly boast in some of the good things in your life, and what should keep us from boasting?

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- ▶ How does it describe God in this verse? Think of the creation story in Gen. 1 & read 1 John 1:5 & discuss what James is wanting us to think about God.
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- ▶ James 1:17 says God will never change. At what times might we doubt this, struggling to believe God’s desire to do us good and give us every good gift?

#### **III. Do Not Be Deceived About WHAT TO ULTIMATELY GIVE THANKS FOR**

- ▶ Read v. 18 & 1 Pet. 1:3, 23. How were we “brought forth by the word of truth”?
- ▶ Spend time going around and giving thanks to God for his good and perfect gifts he has given you, including what Jesus has done and is doing for you.

1Th. 5:18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

#### **Question(s) for Prayer Time:**

- ▶ Thank God for all he’s accomplished for you in Christ.
- ▶ Thank God for all he is using even the difficult things in your life for your good
- ▶ Thank God for any good gift he has given you

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### Scripture Passages Used:

**James 1:16** Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. **17** Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. **18** Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

**1 Cor. 4:7** For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it?

**1John 1:5** This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

**Matt. 7:7** “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. **8** For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. **9** Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? **10** Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? **11** If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

**1Pet. 1:3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

**1Pet. 1:23** since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;

## **Additional Thoughts for Leaders**

It's a great time to go around and have everyone give short prayers of thanksgiving for the things mentioned!

## **For More Study of the Passage**

**Observation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Interpretation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Application:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Prayer:** \_\_\_\_\_