

11. In the opening part of James' letter, he has given instruction on how we ought to handle what?

12. James reminded his readers (and us) that God uses trials to do what?

13. In James 1:13-16, James discusses the subject of what?

14. Trials in life can turn into what for us?

15. When we walk through trials we often doubt God's goodness or we doubt His what?

16. What is something that God would not and does not do?

17. Everything good that you and I experience in life is a what?

18. Fill in the blanks: "What do you have that you did not _____? And if you did receive it, why do _____ as if you had not received it?" (I Corinthians 4:7).

19. Have you ever stopped to just thank the Lord for every thing that you have in life?

20. Boasting reveals that you don't have an accurate understanding of what?

21. Don't ever doubt what?

22. Rather than walk by sight, walk by what?

23. What ancient Jewish title for God describes Him as the creator of all things, including the sun, moon, and stars?

24. God's character doesn't do what?

25. What does it mean to say that God is immutable?

26. It is impossible for God to change because change implies what?

27. Does God's immutability apply only to His nature and attributes?

28. The statement of James in verse 17 applies to God's immutability specifically to what?

29. The different interpretations of V.18 ("of His own will...") communicate the idea that God Himself did what?

30. If you are a Christian it is because God did what?

31. What is a great question to ponder, in relation to God choosing to save people?

32. Some Christians twist what doctrine resulting in the questioning of God's goodness?

33. Rather than being overwhelmed with awe and humility that God would save them in their utter unworthiness, some imply that God is what?

34. The ultimate expression of God's goodness is our what?

35. How did God bring us forth and give us new life?

36. What is "first fruits" a reference to?

37. The 1st century Jewish Christians were the "initial crop" and we are the what?

38. All Christians are the first evidence of what to come in the future?

39. Based upon James 1:16, what is something we are NOT suppose to be?

40. When it comes to the goodness of God, are you deceived?

God did not give you His Word to make you a smarter sinner. He gave you His Word to make you more like His Son. Apply what you learn!

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- »»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- »»How can I accomplish this change?
- »»What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

For Next Time:

- 1) Read James through three times this week.**
- 2) Read James 1:19-25 three times this week.**
- 3) How long have you been a Christian?**
- 4) How many sermons do you believe you have heard in your lifetime?**
- 5) Why do you believe most church-goers hear a sermon but within 24 hours could not tell you what the sermon that they heard the day before was about?**
- 6) What might be the outcome in your life and in the life of Grace Bible Church, if, after hearing the sermons, every hearer actually practiced what they heard?**

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The Goodness of the Father
James 1:17-18
(Series #7)

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon "**The Goodness of the Father.**" All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. When you think of the work of Satan and how he seeks to get you to fall, what comes to your mind?
2. The first temptation Satan actually wants to use to defeat you or destroy you is get you to doubt what?
3. When you begin to doubt that you can trust what God has said and to doubt His goodness, you are open to what?
4. What is at the root of every other sin?
5. Where in Scripture do we find the first temptation of Satan against humanity?
6. The word "crafty" or "cunning" in Genesis 3:1 is the common Hebrew word for what?
7. In essence what Satan said to Eve in Genesis 3:2-5 is, "God is..." doing what?
8. Satan wants you to believe that God doesn't really want what is best for you, which is why He has given you all of these what?
9. Do you find yourself ever questioning the goodness of God?
10. Pastor Bryan has seen many people buy into Satan's lie about God's goodness and make what?

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