



James 1:16-18



**The Source of Satisfaction
is our Heavenly Father...
(He is behind every good
thing – every single perfect
gift has been handpicked
by our Good Father)**





GOOD & PLENTY

James 1:16

It is easy to **wrongfully**
blame God for our
present **predicaments**



**The problem with viewing
trials and temptations
from this perspective is it
misses the ultimate goal
of those hardships**



**God is in the business
of taking pain and using it
to produce holiness in each
of our lives**



“Deceived” = to be misled; to be led astray; to wander off



**The only way any of us can
obey this command (to NOT
be deceived) is by dwelling
on the character of God**

James 1:16-17



In love, **James encourages these believers to readjust their **perception** (see your circumstances how God does)**

II Corinthians 12:7-10



**Do you see how sometimes
those difficult **trials** might
actually be a blessing in
disguise (a “**good thing**”
and “**perfect gift**”)?**

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**The Source of everything
good is our Heavenly Father**



**“Coming Down” is in the
present tense and it
describes these gifts as
continually coming down
(NOT a one-time event –
it’s ongoing)**



**If we view the goodness of
God solely upon our perception
of the various trials we face,
we have missed the
unchanging goodness of God**

James 1:18



**“The Exercise of His Will” =
speaks of a **completed action**
(God brought us to Himself
through the **finished work**
of Jesus Christ)**



“Firstfruits” = describes the first portion collected from either a harvest or an offering; it was set aside for the Lord (First installment – there’s more to come)

