

SESSION 5
JAMES 1: 16-18

Read James 1: 12-18.

Notice the two progressions.

The first starts from inside and “gives birth to death.”

The second starts from outside and give birth to meaningful life.

What characteristics do you use to define and to describe temptation?

Verse 14 - “evil desire” - Matthew 15: 18-20, Jeremiah 17:9

Verse 16 - How is “being deceived” different from “being lied to”?

American Heritage Dictionary: “To cause a person to believe what is not true.
...the deliberate concealment or misrepresentation of truth with intent to lead
another into error.”

Verse 17 - Three adjectives for the gifts “from above” are completed in each other:

“Every” -

“Good” -

“Perfect” -

AH Dictionary: “Perfect” can be “used to mean 'ideal for the purposes.'”

“A more perfect union.”

What gifts have you received from “the Father of heavenly lights”?

Matthew 7: 11, Luke 11: 13, 1 Corinthians 2:9-16

What do “heavenly lights” and “shifting shadows” mean to you?

Verse 18 - God has chosen you. John 3:1-21.

Birth by the Holy Spirit, belief, eternal life, truth, light.

You are “a kind of firstfruits of all He created” - what does this mean to you?

Deuteronomy 26: 2 and 10, 2nd Thessalonians 2: 1-16

Ephesians 2: 8-10, Philippians 2: 12-13, John 10: 10, Romans 12: 1-2