

Sufficient Blessings

Main Bible Verse:

(James 1:16-17) Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

Summary:

James 1:16-17 | John 7:2-5

- All our blessings are from God.
- In all things, we must inquire of God, and He will give us our direction and method.
- Our feelings may be wrong, but God's direction for us will definitely be good for us.
- But when the Jewish Festival of Tabernacles was near, Jesus' brothers said to him, "Leave Galilee and go to Judea, so that your disciples there may see the works you do. No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since you are doing these things, show yourself to the world." For even his own brothers did not believe in him.
- Our blessings and successes do not come from ourselves, but they all come from God.
- Our salvation and blessings come through having full faith in God and following His direction for us.
 - Our blessings and salvation are a grace from God.

James 1:19 | Ephesians 4:26-27 | Genesis 26:19-25

- My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,
- We must let every moment of our life be that which God desires.
- "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.
- Anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.
- We must learn from Isaac and not get angry even when other people are doing things against us, and God will greatly bless us.
 - We must refrain from quarreling with others.
- If we get angry, we must remember to call out to God to ask for help.
 - We must praise and pray until we are free of anger.

Ephesians 4:22-24, 31 | Philippians 3:7 | Colossians 3:5

- Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.
- We must get rid of our self and become a new creation in Christ.
- You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.
- But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ
- Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.

Matthew 13:1-23 | James 1:22-25 | 1 Corinthians 2:9

- We must practice humbly receiving God's word and truly putting it to heart.

- We must also act upon the word of God, not just hear or read it.
- Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.
- We must not only seek God’s direction and method for us, but we must follow accordingly.
 - If we act upon God’s word, everything we do will be blessed.
- However, as it is written: “What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived”—the things God has prepared for those who love him—