



*Shifting Shadows happen when we are without consistent light.*

**James 1:5 (Key Verse)** If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

## Different Trials

1. **Trial:** a test of faith, patience, or stamina through subjection to suffering or temptation broadly: a source of frustration or annoyance. (**Outside source**)
2. **Discipline:** self-imposed suffering, frustration and stamina development of an area within your life. (**Inner source**)

### James 1:9-11

**James 1:12 Blessed is the one** who perseveres under trial (Temptation) because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. (**Revelation 2:8-11**)

## “Blessed”

1. **V:12 & 3 Blessed because of our trials** for God is drawn to a poor person who stood the test as well as rich person who perseveres through theirs's.
2. **V:3-4 & 12 God is drawn** to the person who develops perseverance.

### James 1:13-15

## The Test of Temptation

1. **V:13-14 Wise is the person who understands** why they are being dragged away from God’s presence.

2. **V:15 Wise is the person who knows** the progression of sin. (Conception, birth, & death)
3. **Sin will**, take further than you want to go, keep you longer than you want to stay, and make you pay more than you want to pay.  
(1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 10:12-13)

**1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 10:12-13 So**, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! 13 No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And **God is faithful**; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

**James 1:16-17**

## The Test of Deception

1. **V: 16 & 6 Being deceived & doubt** go together they reveal a lack of truth.
2. **V:17 & 6 Shifting shadow faith & being tossed by the wind**. Missing anchors in God's goodness & the Word of God.
3. **Single-minded** faith continues to come back to the wisdom about God's goodness.

**James 1:17-18**

## Wisdom about the Father

1. **V:17 & 5 Every perfect gift and a generous God are connected!** Every good and perfect gift God gives generously to all without finding fault.
2. **V:17 God is always** at the pinnacle of His strength.
3. **V:18 & 15 The choice depends on** what you want birthed.  
(Death or Truth)
4. **V:18 Born again** people are Jesus' First fruits or His harvest. Born out of the truth. Jesus is the truth.