



The
Book
of **JAMES**

"Do not merely listen to the word...Do what it says."

James 1:22 NIV

James 1:16-18

**Embracing God's Truth as a Good
and Perfect Gift**



- WHAT IS “TRUTH”?
 - A. That which is true or in **accordance with fact or reality.**
 - B. A fact or belief that is **accepted as true.**
 - C. When what we believe corresponds to **what is actually the case.**

1. TRUTH IS OBJECTIVE CONTENT GIVEN TO US BY GOD.

A. Jas. 1:16 **Do not be deceived**, my beloved brothers.

- The Greek word translated “deceive” has the meaning of “**to lead into error, through ignorance or other; to go astray, into sin.**”

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- Jas. 1:18 “Of his own will **he brought us forth by the word of truth**, that we should be a **kind of first fruits of his creatures.**”
- Jas. 3:14 But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and **be false to the truth.** (ESV)

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- Jas. 5:19 My brothers, if anyone among you **wanders from the truth** and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his **wandering** will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.



Jn. 16:13 But when He, the **Spirit of truth**, comes, He will **guide you into all the truth**; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; ...

2. THE DECEIVER'S ROLE IS TO CONFUSE ABOUT GOD'S TRUTH.

Three primary areas of confusion:

1. **What God said.** Gen 3:1, Matt 4:6
2. **Who God is.** James 1:16-18
3. **Whether right or wrong (as God defines it) is still right or wrong.** John 8:44, James 5:1-6



3. TRUTH IS A GIFT FROM A GOOD GOD FOR OUR BEST.

James 1:17 Every **good gift** and every **perfect gift** is **from above**, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is **no variation or shadow due to change**.

Jas. 3:15 This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is **earthly, unspiritual, demonic**.



4. TRUTH DOES NOT CHANGE BC GOD DOES NOT CHANGE.

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Mal 3:6 "For I the **LORD do not change**; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed.



5. TRUTH IS VERIFIABLE AND TRANSFORMING.

A. Bears fruit that proves itself.

- James 2:14-18

B. Transformative.

- **Rom. 12:2** Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the **renewal of your mind**, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (ESV)



6. JESUS CHRIST IS THE EMBODIMENT OF TRUTH.

Jn. 1:14-18 **And the Word became flesh**, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, **full of grace and truth**. ...18 No man has seen God at any time; the only begotten God, who is in the bosom of the Father, **He has explained Him**. (NAS)