

**GIVERS, TAKERS, AND ...**  
**Pastor Roy Halberg**  
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→Have you ever been given a totally worthless gift?

→WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA: God Gives Good Gifts Only Always

→James continues to give correction to these suffering believers . . .

1. His CAUTION About Being DECEIVED- James 1:16a

2. His COMPASSION For Their DISTRESS- James 1:16b

3. His CORRECTION Of Their CONCEPT Of God- James 1:17

4. His CONTRAST Between God And Their DECEPTION- James 1:18

So What? Now What? Taking it home!

1. Acknowledge your \_\_\_\_\_
2. Ask Him for \_\_\_\_\_
3. Commit to \_\_\_\_\_
4. Express your gratitude for both the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_

**QUESTIONS FOR SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION**

1. Have you ever been given a totally worthless gift? What was it? How did you respond to the giver?
2. What good and perfect gift has God given to you for which you are most grateful? Why did you choose that one?
3. Three times (1:16, 22, 26) James expresses concern for these believers being deceived. Why do you think James was so concerned about these believers being deceived?  
  
Should we have a similar concern today for our families & believing friends? Why or why not?
4. Does it seem to you that many Christians today are concerned about being deceived? Why do you think this is?
5. What do you think is the greatest source of deception in our world today?
6. Sunday morning, Pastor Roy suggested four deceptions (lies) that are at the forefront of our culture today:
  1. Feelings are your ultimate guide
  2. Happiness is your ultimate goal
  3. Judging is the ultimate sin
  4. God is the ultimate guess/mysteryDo you see or hear these ideas being held to or communicated? Where?  
  
How do these lies impact your life and those of your family?
7. How can we best combat these lies in our daily life?
8. What difference does it make in our lives if we see God as giving good gifts only always?
9. What is the significance to you that God has “no variation or shifting shadow”? How should this truth touch and impact our lives today?