



DAY 24 | May 24, 2020

Scripture

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the Heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.” — JAMES 1:17

Inspiration

I love the clarity and simplicity of this verse, yet it offers such amazing insight and promise. God loves us so much that He provides “good and perfect” gifts. Much like an earthly parent delights in surprising their children with good things, so, too, does our Heavenly Father — carefully selecting exactly what He knows will be just the right gift for us at just the right time. We don’t tend to think a lot about these “good and perfect gifts” in a time of challenge and pandemic, which is why this verse needs to point us back to the blessings all around us. **When our heart is willing and our eyes are attentive, God will begin to reveal those gifts to us, and our focus will shift from the troubles of the moment to the changeless loving God who always provides.**

Prayer

GOOD AND GRACIOUS GOD, thank you, Father, for the good gifts you continue to offer as we journey through this strange and difficult time. Forgive us when we take those gifts for granted, or those times we don’t even acknowledge you’ve provided them. We know that when we ignore the gifts we’re really ignoring the giftgiver, and we never want to do that. **So, open our hearts and minds to receive your good and perfect gifts with grateful hearts, but also with willing hands and feet to use those gifts in service to your people.** Walk with us as we continue this difficult path as we pause to thank you for these blessings. **AMEN.**