

Never Enough

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Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, with whom there is no change or shifting shadow.

James 1:16-17 BSB

Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

James 1:2-4 ESV

Lacking Nothing Is . . .

1. Praising for provision.

What causes conflicts and quarrels among you? Don't they come from the passions at war within you? You crave what you do not have; you kill and covet, but are unable to obtain it. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask. And when you do ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may squander it on your pleasures.

James 4:1-3 BSB

True godliness with contentment is itself great wealth.

1 Timothy 6:6 a NLT

2. Prioritizing God over gain.

Let the believer who is lowly boast in being raised up, and the rich in being brought low, because the rich will disappear like a flower in the field.

James 1:9-10 NRSV

It's better to obey the LORD and have only a little, than to be very rich and terribly anxious.

Proverbs 15:16 CEV

3. Practicing something worth preaching.

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

James 1:22 ESV

If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?

James 2:15-17 ESV

So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.

James 4:17 ESV

4. Praying like my life depends on it.

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.

James 1:5-7 ESV

And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.

James 4:3 NLT

Weekend Music:

Angels We Have Heard On High (Northpoint) • Overcome (Elevation Worship)
Champion (Brandon Lake) • Gratitude (Brandon Lake)