A FAITH THAT HELPS ME SEE THE TRUTH James: A Faith That Works When Life Doesn't – Part 25

"People always think they're doing the right thing, but in the end it leads to their death." Proverbs 16:25

"The <u>human mind is the most deceitful of all things</u>. It is incurable. No one can understand how deceitful it is." Jeremiah 17:9 (GW)

SOME WAYS I DECEIVE MYSELF

1. WHEN I THINK

"<u>DON'T BE DECEIVED</u>, dear brothers and sisters. Every good gift you have is a perfect present from God above. It has come down from the Father who created all of the heavenly lights." James 1:16-17

2. WHEN I THINK

"Do not merely listen to the Word, and so DECEIVE YOURSELVES. You must DO what it says to do!" James 1:22

Jesus: "Now that you know these things, you will be blessed IF you DO them!" John 13:17 (NIV)

3. WHEN I THINK

"If you think you are religious but you <u>do not control your tongue</u>, then your religion is worthless and you <u>DECEIVE YOURSELF</u>." James 1:26 (TEV)

4. WHEN I ASSUME

"You say to God, 'My beliefs are flawless and I can't be blamed for anything." Job 11:4 (NIV/NJB)

"The Lord says, 'My thoughts are <u>completely different</u> from yours! And <u>my ways</u> are <u>far beyond anything you</u> <u>could imagine</u>. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and <u>my</u> <u>views are higher than your views</u>." Isaiah 55:8-9 (NLT)

5. WHEN I CONFUSE

"Don't fool yourself. Don't think that you can be wise merely by being up-to-date with the times." 1 Corinthians 3:18 (MSG)

"...you are trusting in deceptive words that are worthless." Jeremiah 7:8 (NIV)

6. WHEN I THINK

"God is the only lawgiver and judge. He alone can save and destroy. So, <u>who do you think you are</u>, to judge someone else?" James 4:12 (TEV)

"If you think you're something when you're really nothing, you are only <u>deceiving yourself</u>." Galatians 6:3 <i>(TEV)

7. WHEN I THINK

"Don't fool yourself. 'Bad companions will ruin good character.'" 1 Corinthians 15:33 (TEV)

8. WHEN I THINK

"Do not <u>deceive yourselves;</u> no one makes a fool of God. You will reap exactly what you've planted." Galatians 6:7 (TEV)

"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us." 1 John 1:8 (NIV)

HOW CAN I WORK ON MY BLINDSPOTS?

1. ASK

Job: "Teach me what I cannot see; if I've done wrong, I will not do so again." Job 34:32 (NIV)

2. ASK

"Fools think they need no advice, but the wise listen to others." Proverbs 12:15 (NLT)

"Look closely at yourselves. Test yourselves to see if you are living in the faith." 2 Corinthians 13:5a (NCV)

3. ASK

"Jesus said, 'I have come to give sight to the blind and to show those who think they see that they are really blind." John 9:39b (NLT)

David: "<u>None of us can see our own errors</u>; so, DELIVER ME, LORD, from my hidden faults!" Psalm 19:12 (TEV)