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**Every Good & Perfect Gift - Oct. 9, 2016**

1. Take some time to share about how God has been working in and through you this past week using the B.L.E.S.S. habits questions.
  - How has the Gospel been a **Blessing** to you this week?
  - What are you hearing from God as you **Listen** to the Spirit & read God's Word, the Bible?
  - Who have you had an opportunity to **Eat** with this week to build relationship?
  - Who has God led you to **Serve** this week?
  - In what ways have you been able to **Share** about Jesus this week?
2. What resonated with you from the message?
3. Read James 1:12-15. What does this passage tell us about testing and temptation? What promise do we see here and what warnings must we heed?
4. Read James 1:2-4. What does this passage reveal about God's view of challenges in our lives? What does this mean for you as you face specific challenges?
5. Read Hebrews 5:8-9. What does this passage teach you about Jesus? How does this encourage you today?
6. Read James 1:16-18. Review the 4 attributes of God from the message and their corresponding "because" statements. Which attribute do you find most comforting or significant? Which "because" statement do you need to embrace today?
7. How do these attributes help you trust God with your life? What is God asking you to trust Him with today?
8. Read Hebrews 12:1-3 and Romans 3:23-28. What is God saying to you from these passages? How do you need to respond in obedience?



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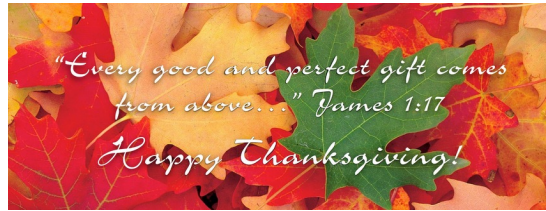
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## SEQUOIA NOTES

### Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message

#### Every Good and Perfect Gift

With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor  
October 9, 2016



James 1:12-18 God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. <sup>13</sup> And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, "God is tempting me." God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else. <sup>14</sup> Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. <sup>15</sup> These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death. <sup>16</sup> So don't be misled, my dear brothers and sisters. <sup>17</sup> Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow. <sup>18</sup> He chose to give birth to us by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession.

James 1:2-4

Hebrews 5:8-9

**Big Idea: In times of testing and temptation, trust the God who is:**

- **God is good:** v. 17

Romans 8:28

**Because God is good I can trust Him to work good from bad.**

- **God is all-powerful:** v. 17

**Because God is all-powerful I can trust Him to do the impossible.**

- **God is eternal:** v. 17

**Because God is eternal I can trust him with my past, present, & future.**

- **God is loving:** v. 18

**Because God is loving I can trust Him with my life & eternity.**

Hebrews 12:2-3

Romans 3:23-28