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★ Are there any good gifts that I need to re-label or thank God for?

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Romans 1:19-20, *For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.*

1 John 1:5, *This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.*

- ★ “Father of lights” was an ancient Jewish title for God as Creator
- ★ James reminds us of an immutable fact: God is Good all the time!
- ★ Every gift from above is good and perfect because the Giver is good and perfect!

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James 1:18, *Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.*

★ “Firstfruits” were the first and best of the crops that were harvested. The Jewish believers that James was writing to were the first of a spiritual harvest that extends throughout history.

John 1:12-13, *But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.*

Ephesians 2:4-5, *But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved*

Ephesians 1:13, *In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,*

Romans 8:19-23, *For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.*

★ Don't miss any of God's blessings: adopt the discipline of counting and recounting the good gifts of our great God.