

KEEPING / HOLDING THE THREAD

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Do not err (Μὴ πλανᾶσθε):

DO NOT ERR

DO NOT BE DECEIVED

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DON'T BE MISLED

DON'T BE LED ASTRAY

DON'T DECEIVE YOURSELF

**DON'T WANDER OFF...LIKE A PLANET OUT OF
ORBIT**

ABOUT WHAT???

What does and what doesn't come from God?

Temptation, sin, evil, wrong...are all part of this world but is NOT from God!

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1. God is the **Giver** of good!

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James 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of **God, (τοῦ διδόντος θεοῦ) that giveth** to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

The text is extravagant!

➤ **God is the giving God**

➤ **God only gives good**

➤ **God's gifts are perfect**

➤ **God's gifts are both good & perfect**

➤ **God's *ways of giving* are ALSO good**

➤ **The gifts & the actual giving are both good and perfect**

Example: food & presentation

1 Chronicles 29:14 But who am I, and what is my people, **that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort?** for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.

1 Chronicles 29:15 For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding.

1 Chronicles 29:16 O LORD our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee an house for thine holy name **cometh of thine hand, and is all thine own.**

Psalm 145:8 The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion;
Slow to anger, and of great mercy.

Psalm 145:9 The LORD is good to all: And his tender mercies
are over all his works.

Matthew 5:45 That ye may be the children of your Father
which is in heaven: **for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil
and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the
unjust.**

Matthew 7:11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good
gifts unto your children, **how much more shall your Father
which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?**

Genesis 1:4 And God saw the light, that it was **good**:
and God divided the light from the darkness.

Genesis 1:31 And God saw every thing that he had
made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening
and the morning were the sixth day.





















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2. God is the **Father** of lights!

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Genesis 1:2 And the earth was **without form, and void; and darkness** was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Genesis 1:3 **And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.**

Genesis 1:4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

Genesis 1:5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

Psalm 84:11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield: The LORD will give grace and glory: No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

2 Corinthians 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 1:18 The eyes of your understanding being **enlightened**; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

1 John 1:5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, **that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.**

Revelation 21:23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: **for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.**

Revelation 22:5 And there shall be no night **there;** and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; **for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.**

Thoughts:

- **God is light**
- **God brings light**
- **God's son is the light of the world!**
- **God enlightens us**
- **God needs no other sources of light**
- **God shines light **into** our darkness!**

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3. God is the **Bringer** of new birth & new life!

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**Obvious play on the same word:
Sin begets / brings forth death**

God begets / brings forth a new birth & life

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be **in Christ,
he is a new creature: old things are passed away;
behold, all things are become new.**