

*"But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night."*

Psalm 1:2

## A YEAR OF MEMORIZATION

### WEEK 3

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

James 1:17

#### DAY ONE - MONDAY

#### READ AND UNDERSTAND THE PASSAGE

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Author: James      Audience: Christians scattered abroad because of persecution

Importance: This passage is given as a reminder that God does not tempt man to sin; rather, He is the source of all that is good. God is a Father who dearly loves His children. He is a God of light, not of darkness. Thus, all His gifts are good and perfect. He never changes. Therefore, we can be secure in our trust in Him and His goodness.

Note: The language of this verse should be considered carefully. The ASV reads, "...with whom can be no variation, neither shadow that is cast by turning." The ESV reads, "...with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change."

#### DAY TWO - TUESDAY

#### READING AND WRITING

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Read the passage out loud 10 times. Include the book, chapter, and verse. Each time, place emphasis upon a different word. Notice the rhythm and flow of the passage. Consider the phrases that make it up and where there are natural divisions in the text.

Write the passage down at least once. You may want to write it more times. You also may want to write it on an index card that can be carried with you and looked during the day. When you have a moment, take it out and read over the verse again. It is helpful to write the verse out by phrases, rather than all as one verse.

Remember to review and recite the verses from the last 2 weeks! Make sure you still remember them.

#### DAY THREE - WEDNESDAY

#### LEARNING BY PHRASES

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neither shadow of turning  
James 1:17

and every perfect gift  
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Read the first phrase 10 times. Cover the text and recite this phrase. If you are correct, move to the second phrase and do the same. (If not, repeat the first phrase until you remember it.)

After learning the second phrase, join it with the first phrase and say them together. Continue this process until each phrase of the passage has been learned. If you do not learn the entire verse in one session, you will continue on the next day.

**DAY FOUR - THURSDAY**

**REPETITION, REPETITION, REPETITION**

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Review what you learned the previous day. Recite the memorized parts. If they are correct, move on to the next phrase of the verse. If you have learned the entire verse, recite it out loud at least 10 times. Make sure you learn and state the book, chapter, and verse.

**DAY FIVE - FRIDAY**

**REPETITION AGAIN**

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Review and recite the parts of the passage you have learned. Add to them any phrases that remain. Recite the verse out loud several times. Now, write it down from memory several times. Include book, chapter, and verse. Check your work with the Bible.

**DAY SIX - SATURDAY**

**REPETITION AND MEDITATION**

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Quote the verse you have learned several times. Pause to think deeply about the meaning of this passage. Remember the things studied on Day One. Ponder again the application of this verse to your life. End this session by quoting the verse again several times.

**DAY SEVEN - SUNDAY**

**MEDITATION**

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What is the meaning of James 1:17?  
How does this verse fit in the context of verses 12-17?  
What does this verse teach about the character of God?  
What does this verse teach about man's faith in God?  
How does this apply to my life?

How may I use this verse in teaching others?

From what error can this verse prevent me from being deceived?