

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit... John 15:16 (ESV)

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Romans 8:32 (ESV)

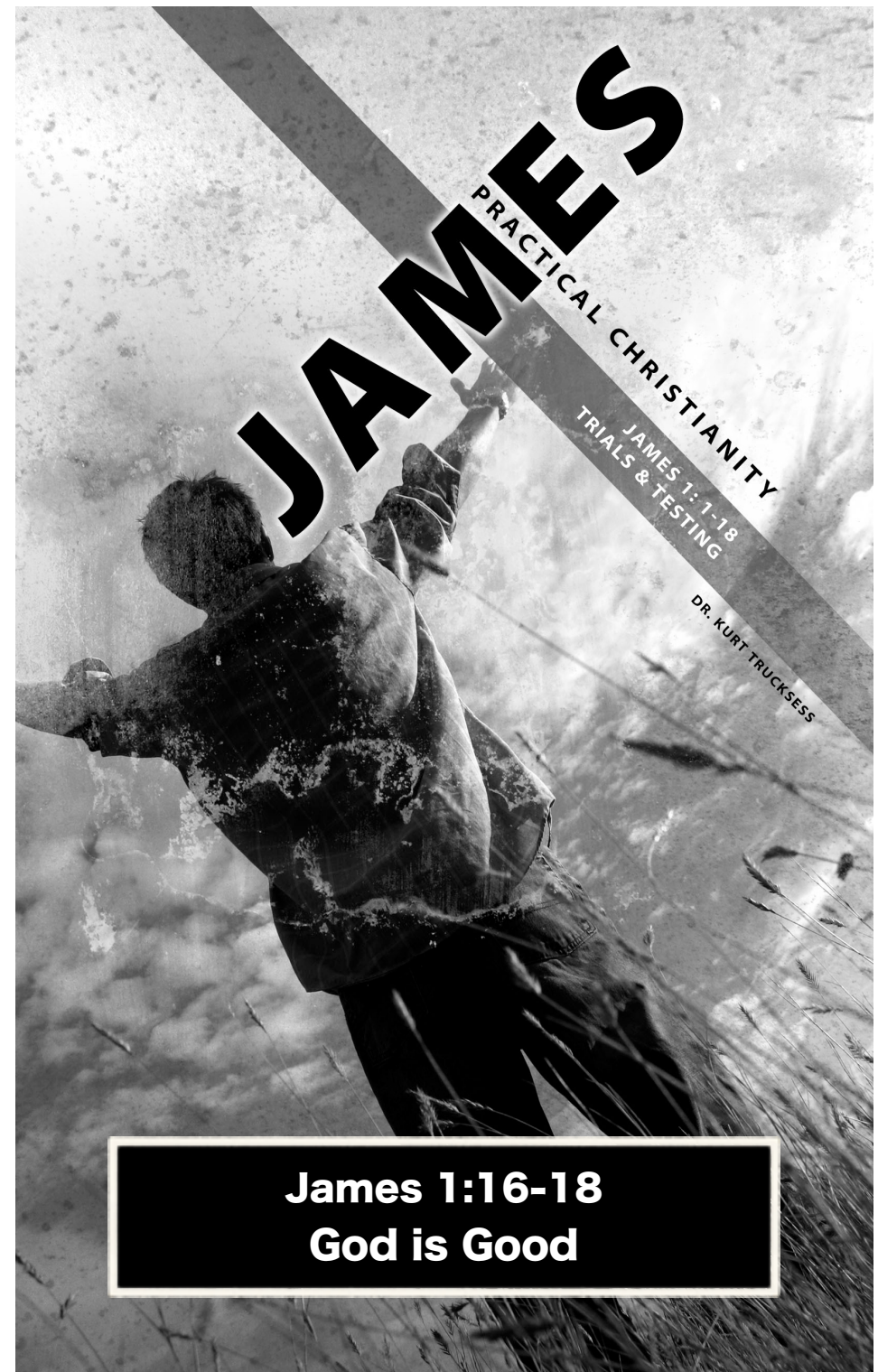
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can't feel it.

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James 1:16-18 - God is Good

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Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.  
Hebrews 13:8 (ESV)

## Don't be deceived!

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" Genesis 3:1 (ESV)



## Don't be deceived - God alone is behind the supreme act of goodness.

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

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. John 1:12–13 (ESV)

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 2:4–5 (ESV)

No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. John 6:44 (ESV)

## **Don't be deceived - God is the source of every good and perfect gift.**

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above,...  
James 1:17 (ESV)

The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made. Psalm 145:9 (ESV)

...older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, in all purity. 1 Timothy 5:2 (ESV)

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Romans 8:32 (ESV)

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. Psalm 100:5 (ESV)

Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Psalm 106:1 (ESV)

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him! Psalm 34:8 (ESV)

## **If God is good, everything he does is worthy of approval.**

*A bad thing that produces a greater good is, in the eyes of God, worthy of His approval.*

## **Don't be deceived - God's goodness never changes.**

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. James 1:17 (ESV)

Of old you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you will remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will change them like a robe, and they will pass away, but you are the same, and your years have no end. Psalm 102:25–27 (ESV)

"For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. Malachi 3:6 (ESV)