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**Psalm 19:8, “*The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.*”**

What is it that brings the most joy to your heart? Is it family; a relationship; a hobby; maybe even your job? I can tell you that even though these things can bring temporary joy, they will not always do so. In fact, each of these can change in a moment. What once was so fulfilling can immediately become a burden or heartache. Why? Because they are all temporal.

One thing we can know is this, God’s Word will never change. You can know that what God says will always, always be done. His word and His provision can be counted on in every situation. **James 1:17, “*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.*”**

I believe the reason there is so much depression and heartache in this world is because people have focused their attention on things rather than on the Giver of all good things. They have focused on creation rather than the Creator. They want something now instead of patiently waiting for God’s best. When we begin to realize this, then we can realign our focus on the things that really matter - the eternal things. And, because of a changed perception, we will begin to see things clearer and understand the LORD’s perspective instead of our own.

**Dear LORD, help us to live in Your joy. We can be so selfishly focused sometimes. We need You more than anything else. Open our eyes to the things of eternal value, In Jesus Name, Amen**