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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

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. (NIV)*

The primary part of living an abundant life is accepting the One and only One Who can give it to you. James reminds us of the giver. It is God alone that does this because the gift is quantified as good and perfect. We don't have it within us to be righteous or perfect. We are flawed by the disease of sin that has been passed down through our ancestors. **Rom. 3:10** *As it is written: "There is no one righteous - not even one. (NIV)* He then goes on to say that it comes from the Father. He is the only secure and stable One. There is none other like Him. He does not change. He does not vary. He is constantly constant.

So let us be reminded of the perfect gifts that He has given us. He has poured out His perfect love to us and for us. His love is perfect because it is given with no conditions attached. He doesn't love us because we are good or nice or lovable. In fact, we are none of those things when looked at through the eyes of perfection. And yet, He loves us anyway. We may think that there are times that we have given someone the 'perfect gift,' but everything that we could give from ourselves will surely fade away. He has given us salvation through the sacrifice of His Son. He has blessed us with the Holy Spirit Who comes to live with us and guide and encourage us all along the way. His blessings are too many to number.

So, I'm going to give you an assignment. I've begun by giving you three amazing and perfect gifts. Sit down today and write out at least five other perfect gifts He has given you. You will be blessed as you are reminded of these gifts.

Dear LORD, You have been so loving and giving to us. I can't even imagine what You have in store for us when we get to spend eternity with You. You are perfect in every way. We exalt You. In Jesus Name, Amen