

FAITH WORKING BY LOVE – 2
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REVIEW:

- **EPHESIANS 2:4-6 (AMP)** The bible is all about redemption: in the O.T. (prepared); N.T. (manifested); Acts (propagated); Epistles (explained); Revelation (consummated).
- The motivating force behind it, is God's intense love for us. **JOHN 16:27**
- God loves us "much more" than we love our own children.

CONTINUE: JAMES 1:5-8

Many needs go unmet, not because God hasn't given us what we need, but because we must become better receivers of what God has already given us. Before unpacking these verses in James, I want us to consider: **2 PETER 1:3, JOHN 3:16, ROMANS 8:32, LUKE 12:32, JOHN 14:16, LUKE 10:19**

- The Word of Faith is not an offensive term (**ROMANS 10:8-10**). Hyper-faith and hyper-grace!
- **HEBREWS 1:14 (NIV), PSALMS 103:20, DANIEL 10:12** We can release our angels or ask God to do so. Teaching tapes recovered and protection during a snow storm.

1. JAMES 1:5

A. God is a giving God. It's His nature to give to all men liberally, generously, abundantly, bountifully, without reservations. Why? Because he longs to bless humanity (**PSALMS 84:11**). It's not God who is withholding, it's people not receiving what He's given (Salvation, the Spirit, power, etc.).

2. JAMES 1:6-8

A. Unwavering faith is required to receive from God. Nothing wavering means doubting nothing. God wants us to come to Him with the utmost confidence and assurance. There is to be no hesitancy or vacillation of mind. The mind needs anchored to the love and faithfulness of God.

B. It's not that God must become a better giver; it's that we must become better receivers of what God has given.

C. **JAMES 1:17** Cometh down means there's continuous flow from God to man. Good and perfect gift means it can't be improved upon. God gave His best.

CONCLUSION:

If our needs are unmet, it's not because God hasn't given us what we need, or the devil is powerful enough to prevent our success. It's that we must learn to be better Receivers of what God has already freely and abundantly given us!