

Two Gifts

James 1:17 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.

Although the same English word “gift” appears twice in this verse, in Greek, it is two different words.

“Every good gift” uses G1394 δόσις dosis (dos'-is)- *a giving*.

“Every perfect gift” uses G1434 δῶρημα dōrēma (do'-ray-mah) - *a bestowment*.

The first “gift” emphasizes the act of giving more than the gift itself. The action of God’s giving is truly good. It is wonderful to experience and realize the ongoing working of God in one’s life.

The second “gift” emphasizes the finalized bestowal of the gift. It is the perfect gift or the completed gift. Here is the fruitful work realized. The giving has produced the gift. The working has produced the work.

For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure. (Philippians 2:13)

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