

# "God Is Constant"

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**Intro:** People change. Ideas change. Technology is changing faster than most people can keep up with it. Before long a PS2 is going to be old junk, and an X-Box 360 is going to be the norm. And that's all good, but in a constantly changing world, is there something constant???

**Is there someone we can always rely on???** It seems like even the best friends and family members fail us sometimes. It seems like no one is always there for us, even if they want to be, they can't. People make mistakes, even when they truly love you and look out for you, they might accidentally let you down. But there is someone who is constant. There is ONE who never changes???

## **James 1:16-18 NIV**

Don't be deceived, my dear brothers. [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. [18] He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first-fruits of all he created.

### *1. God: The Only Firm Foundation*

Imagine that a house is about to be built near you. What happens first; before the carpenters come in, before the roofers or the electricians? What is the most important part of the construction to begin with???

### **THE FOUNDATION**

**Action:** Have 6 or 10 volunteers. Build a human pyramid. Put the biggest or strongest on the bottom level.

We need a strong foundation for our lives. Just like to make a human pyramid work, we need the biggest and strongest people on the bottom level. Since God doesn't change, we can trust Him to be a good foundation for our lives. It is safe to trust God, because He will never fail you.

Maybe some of you have been in a relationship, and you got let down by the other person. If you have had a boyfriend or a girlfriend break up with you, you know what its like to be hurt. Or even worse, maybe you've had a parent walk out on you. When that kind of stuff happens, it makes it hard to trust people sometimes, because someone failed you.

**The good news is that GOD NEVER FAILS.**

It is cool to totally open your heart up to God, because He will never stop loving you. God loved you from before you were born, and He will always love you. You don't have to worry about God not keeping His word. God always does what He said He would do. He is constant. He is faithful. He always keeps His promises.

**God never changes, He is the only perfect foundation.**

### **1. God Is the Only Firm Foundation**

#### **Hebrews 13:8 NIV**

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

It's good to know that there is One we can ALWAYS count on, and that's Jesus Christ. Even when stuff around us goes wrong... even when people fail us, or let us down, we can count on Him.

***Transition: What else can we learn from James 1:17???***  
Have someone re-read it...

ASK: Who does everything good come from???

## **2. Every Good Gift Is From God**

Since God is the One that supplies everything good... we don't need to waste our time chasing after stuff. The best things in life come from God. God will provide for His children, as long we seek Him and do our part.

Does that mean you get everything you want???

**NO Way.** God's not going to ruin us like that. But I'm convinced that if we really wholeheartedly pursue God, He'll take care of the rest. So my advice is to seek after God.

Pop Quiz: What is the very greatest gift that God's ever given us?  
**Salvation, Born again through Jesus Christ.**

## **3. The Greatest Gift Is That We Are BORN AGAIN** vs. 18 **James 1:18 NIV**

[18] He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first-fruits of all he created.

The "word of truth" is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The word of truth is this: Jesus is the perfect Son God. He was sinless. He died to break the power of sin over us, and He came back to life on the third day.

When we received that message of Jesus' salvation, we were "given birth through the word of truth," in other words, we were born again.

### **1 Peter 1:23 NIV**

For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

When we were born again we were given hope for eternity. Now we are born into something that will last forever!!! We now know that when we die, we will get to live forever with God.

But being born into the word of truth is just the first step to a Christian life. When we are born again it is like we began the building process, of building our lives on God. God is our foundation, and when we accept Christ as our Savior we begin laying the foundation for our lives. But that is only the beginning step in living for God.

We need to continue to lay a Godly foundation in our lives constantly. We're a work in progress. None of us have "arrived" at some place where we don't need to grow any more in God. We all need work... I know I do.

**Ask:**

And how do we continue to make God the foundation of our lives???

1. By always **putting Him first**... Just like a foundation goes before the building, so God should always go before anything else that makes up our lives. God should be in the center of every decision we make. When you decide what to do in any situation remember this in the back of your mind:

**What would God want me to do???**

2. **Read the Bible**

3. **Pray**

**Prayer:**

***-Salvation Call***

-God, please help me to always put you first in my life. I have received Jesus, and been born again. Now help me to walk the walk. Help me Lord to always make You the foundation for my life.