

EVERYDAY FAITH

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF JAMES

Everyday Faith Thinks Well of God







John Calvin

...solid Wisdom, consists almost entirely of two parts: the knowledge of God and of ourselves



*Count it all joy, my brothers, when
you meet trials of various kinds . . .
(vv. 2)*

*Let no one say when he is
tempted, "I am being tempted by
God," for God cannot be tempted
with evil, and he himself tempts no
one.*

(vv. 13)

“Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.”
(Gen 3:11,12)

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*Then Jesus was led up by the
Spirit into the wilderness to be
tempted by the devil.*

(Matthew 4:1)



No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

(1 Corinthians 10:13)



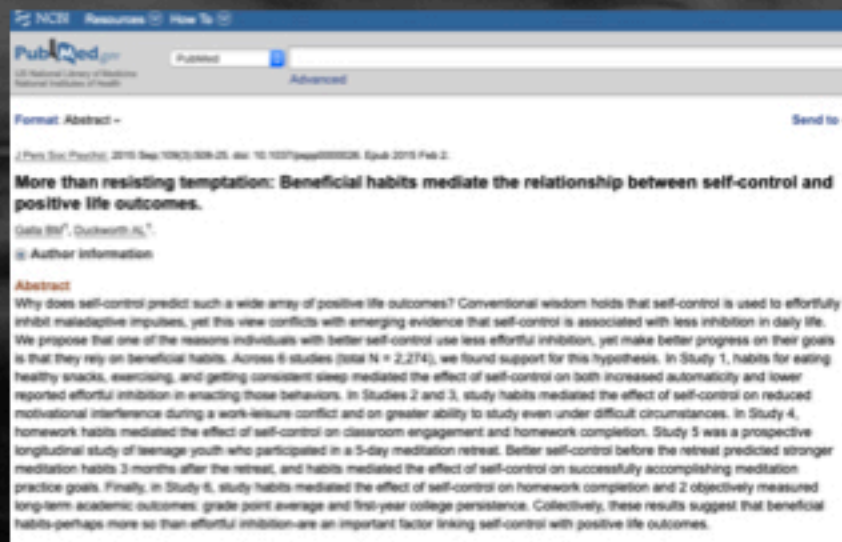
*But each person is tempted when
he is lured and enticed by his own
desire. Then desire when it has
conceived gives birth to sin, and
sin when it is fully grown brings
forth death.*

(vv.14-15)



C.S. Lewis

*For spiritual nature, like
bodily nature, will be
served; deny it food and it
will gobble poison.*



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*People who are good
at self-control ...
seem to be
structuring their lives
in a way to avoid
having to make a
self-control decision
in the first place.*



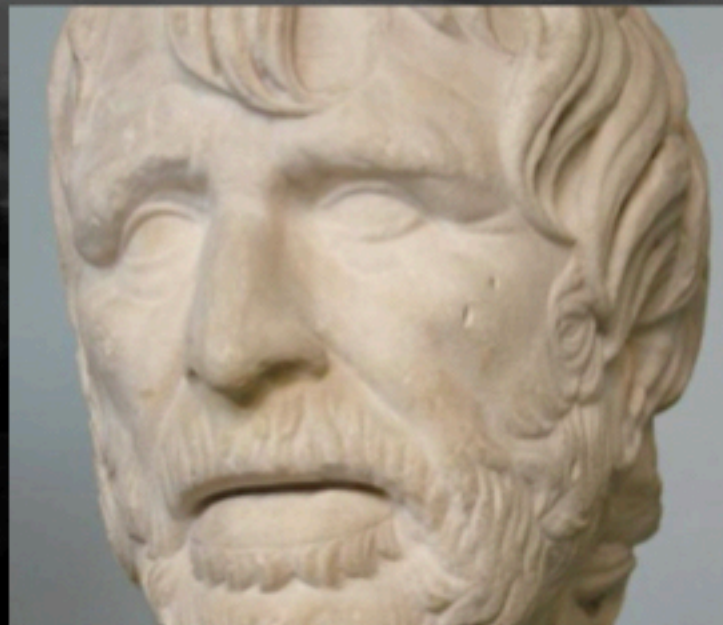
Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

(vv. 16-18)

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Hesiod (7th c. BC)

*Invite your friend, but not your enemy,
to dine;
especially be cordial to your neighbour
...
Love your friends,
visit those who visit you,
and give to him who gives,
but not, if he does not.
We give to a generous person,
but no-one gives to someone who is
stingy*







Tim Kreider

*If we want the rewards
of being loved we have
to submit to the
mortifying ordeal of
being known.*

