

B n diction par la pers v rance

Description

James 1:12-18.

As a young pastor in Nebraska, I was once offered a church in Florida  in the dead of winter! Driving 90 miles on ice to Omaha made me late for my flight. I assumed the Lord was not in it.

At the gate I found the flight was delayed, so I thought,   The Lord is in it!   As the plane backed away, a woman reached to pull herself up in her seat, pulling a lever that released an escape chute, cancelling the flight. I thought,   The Lord is not in it!   The counter agent checked for another flight, and one miraculously popped up with one seat remaining. I surmised,   The Lord is in it!  

Reading James 1 on my return flight, I came across verse 14, how we  re tempted by our own desires. I thought,   It  s okay to want to pastor a stronger church and reach more people.   Then verse 15 addresses desires becoming sin and eventually death. Verse 16:   Do not be deceived  ! That  s when I decided,   The Lord was not in it,   and we remained in Nebraska.

God continued to bless our ministry there in the Midwest. He promises to bless as long as we persevere.

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