

James 1:18-27

18 Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

19 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20 for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. 21 Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. 24 For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. 25 But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

26 If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. 27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

Scripture References:

2 Timothy 3:15-17

15 and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Psalm 19

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.

The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

8 The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.

The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.

*10 They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.*

11 By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

12 But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.

13 Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me.

Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

*14 May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.*

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James: Looking in the Mirror #1 – James 1:18-26 + 2 Timothy 3 – The Mirror

Main Idea: The Value of God's Word comes not just in hearing but in _____, not just in understanding but in how it shapes the _____ of our lives.

Psalm 19: God's Word to us is more valuable than _____ and sweeter than _____

19:11 [By His Word], is your servant _____; in keeping them there is great _____.

James 1:18-27 *How has God's Word actually led to a change in your life?*

1:18 The True Word that Gives _____ to Something New Within Us:

Compare to: John 3:3 + 2 Corinthians 5:17

1:19-21 The Implanted Word that is Saving our _____.

Compare to: Isaiah 6:5

What are our souls being saved from?

1:22-24 The Revealing Word which Shows us our True _____

Compare to: Matthew 7:3

How do the Scriptures function as a mirror for us?

1:25-27 The Liberating Word that Sets us _____ to do Good in the World

What 3 things [from this passage] should believers be seeking to do?

2 Timothy 3:15-17 The Correcting Word that _____ us to Serve God

Scripture is useful for what 4 things?

Meditate on Psalm 19:12 – *But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.*

Answers for the blanks:

- Doing
- Practices
- Gold
- Honey
- Warned
- Reward
- Birth
- Souls
- Face
- Free
- Equips
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