



Do What It Says

Read James 1:19-25 (NIV)

1. According to verse 19, who is James writing to? What three expectations does he have for them?

2. In verse 20, what doesn't produce God desired righteousness? What kind of righteousness do you think God wants?

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3. (Look at verse 21) What do they need to get rid of? What do they need to accept? Why?

4. In verse 22, how might we deceive ourselves? What does the word "it" in the phrase, "do what it says" refer to?

5. Look at verse 23 again. What problem is the author pointing out here? What is being compared to a mirror? Why do you think the mirror reference is used here?

6. In verse 24, after he "goes away" what happens? What's the purpose of looking at yourself in the mirror?





7. Read verse 25. What do you need to do intently? What are two important words describing the law here? What happens if we don't forget what we've heard?

8. Write down today's date. _____

What is the most important concept you learned today? Write down how can you apply it immediately to your life starting now.

Fun Fact:

The Book of James is written in a similar tone to Proverbs because of its many wise sayings.

19 My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, **20** because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. **21** Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. **23** Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror **24** and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. **25** But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

***Note of Interest:** James wanted to see action. He wanted observable behavior of what the believers were proclaiming to be evident.

