

Be a **DOER** James 1:19-27

1. To **HEAR** does not mean to register a sound but to **CONNECT** with the **HEART** of the one speaking. (v.19; Proverbs 1:5, 12:15, 18:13; Romans 12:10; 1 Corinthians 10:24; Philippians 2:3-4)
2. I need to put off **ANYTHING** that keeps me from **RIGHTEOUS** living. (vv.20-21; Romans 6:13, 13:12; Ephesians 4:22-25, 5:11; Colossians 3:8; 2 Timothy 2:19,23)
3. To just **HEAR** God's Word and to not **ACT** on it is to be **DECEIVED**. (vv.22-25; Joshua 1:8; Matthew 7:24-27; Luke 11:28; John 14:15,23; 1 Timothy 4:15; 1 John 3:18; Matthew 5:16; Isaiah 55:11; 2 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 4:12)
4. There are times when I simply need to **KEEP** my **MOUTH SHUT**. (v.26; Judges 11; Job 42:7; Psalm 141:3; Proverbs 10:19, 27, 13:3, 15:28, 17:28, 18:2, 21:23, 29:20; Matthew 16:22-23; Ephesians 4:29; Titus 3:2; 1 Peter 3:10)
5. We put our 'religion' into practice by **CARING** for orphans and widows and anyone who is **VULNERABLE**. (v.27; Exodus 22:22-23; Deuteronomy 10:18; Psalm 68:5, 82:3, 146:9; Proverbs 31:8-9; Isaiah 1:17; Matthew 25:40; Acts 6:1-6)
6. I can't allow the world to rub off on me in the wrong ways. God, help me **STAY PURE**. (v.27; Psalm 119:9,10; Romans 13:11-14; 2 Corinthians 10:5; Ephesians 5:3; Philippians 4:8; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; 2 Timothy 2:21; Titus 2:12)



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1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, confused, or edified you?
2. "Quick to hear" (verse 19) means more than just recognizing that a sound is being made. What makes a good listener? How are you a good listener? How do you need to grow as a listener?
3. Quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger (verse 19) and bridling our tongue (verse 26) ALL interrelate / fit together. How? The anger of man (verse 20) is a dangerous thing. What does our anger cause? To ourselves? To others? (Recall a time when your anger has caused unrest...) What must we do to control our anger? How should we respond (not react...) when others act in anger toward us?
4. What is the difference between looking at the Word (reading it) and looking into it? Explain James' metaphor of the Word of God being a mirror (verse 23).
5. Twice in today's verses James mentions being *deceived*. (verses 22, 26). Explain what each of these means and what the application is for our life.
6. We say that we should care for those who are vulnerable, but do we do it? What are some practical things you could do this week to care for someone who is vulnerable (widow, orphan, etc.)? What would prevent you from doing this?
7. In what ways are believers stained by the world (verse 27)? Where does this start? While engaging in the world and sharing the love and truth of Christ to those needing Him, how can we prevent ourselves from being stained by the world?