

Practicing What the Bible Preaches

Traction – Part 3

James 1:19-27

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1. HEARING THE WORD OF GOD CLEARLY....

"My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. 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." James 1:19-21

- **With a receptive attitude.**

"quick to hear, slow to speak..." James 1:19a

"For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God." 1 Peter 1:23

- **With a controlled temper.**

"...slow to anger, for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God." James 1:19b-20

- **With a clean act.**

"Put aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness..." James 1:21a

- **With a humble spirit.**

"...in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls." James 1:21b

2. DOING THE WORD OF GOD EFFECTIVELY....

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does." James 1:22-25

- **Shows what we are really like.**

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- **Reveals self deception.**

- **Changes the way we live.**

"and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like." James 1:24

- **Requires serious investigation.**

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3. CONCLUSION – TRUE RELIGION IS SHOWN....

- **By Our language.**

"If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless." James 1:26

- **By Our lifestyle.**

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." James 1:27