

# James | Be a Doer of the Word (James 1.19-27)

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***Main Idea:*** As believers we are called to receive and obey the Word of God that it might transform us so that we can be a light to the world.

### Receive the Word (vv. 19-21)

- Quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger
- Unrighteous versus righteous anger
- Put away sin
- Receive the Word of God

### Practice the Word (vv. 22-25)

- We don't grow by just hearing, but by doing.
- A mirror reveals what we really look like, so does the Scripture. It prods us to act and deal with what we see.
- God's Word reveals, transforms and restores us so we can share with the world.

### Doers of the Word (vv. 26-27)

- We are to be about serving the oppressed (widows and orphans).
- The world is not to leave its imprint on us.

### Implications and Practices

- The Word of God gives us what we need to make a difference in such a difficult time.

# James | Temptations and Gifts (James 1.19-27)

## Discussion Questions

1. James begins by addressing speech, anger, righteousness, and receiving the word of God.
  - a. What has God been teaching you about how to become a better listener?
  - b. How can you know when you have listened enough and it is time to speak?
  - c. What's the difference between unrighteous anger and righteous anger?
  - d. How can we apply all of this right now as we are dealing with so much division, fear, and anger in our society?
  - e. How can we tell when we have put our political, economic, or personal agenda before the gospel?
  - f. What idol in your life is this season revealing? How can you put it away?
  
2. James then focuses on being a doer of the word rather than just a hearer. In fact, he says that when we obey God's word it brings blessing.
  - a. In what areas do you feel challenged right now to stop being merely a hearer of the Word and start being a doer?
  - b. When we think of the law we often think about restrictions. Why do you think that James calls the law of God the "law of liberty?" How does it bring freedom?
  - c. In what ways are you currently experiencing the blessing that comes when you submit to God's word?
  
3. James sums up true religion by pointing to two things: outwards acts of mercy towards the oppressed and inward righteous and purity.
  - a. Who are the oppressed today in our society?
  - b. How can you serve them?
  - c. How are you learning to be able to live in the world without being stained by its moral impurity?