

Pure Religion

Doers of the Word – James 1:21-27

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I. Receive the Word (1:21)

- in purity...remove the filth that keeps the word from being received.
- in humility...remove the pride that keeps you from hearing the word.

II. Respond to the Word (1:22-27)

- Don't be deceived by only hearing the word.
- Don't audit the Bible—do it. (Luke 6:43-49)
- Look carefully into the law—stoop down and gaze.
- Remember what was revealed in your reflection—don't forget what you saw.
- Doing that law is evidence of true religion.
- True religion is revealed in your conversations and in your compassion.

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please read James 1:21-27

1. How do we balance the truth of being saved by faith alone with James's admonitions to be doers of the word?
2. How does sin in our lives keep us from receiving the word?
3. How does pride keep us from receiving the word?
4. What does James mean when he refers to the perfect law, and in what ways does that bring liberty and freedom?
5. Why do you think James uses the tongue and mercy ministry as his example of what it means to be a doer of the word?
6. Where do you need to do a better job "doing the word"? What is holding you back?