

JAMES
Pt. 3 - TRIALS
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Listening
and
DOING

James 1:19-27 (NIV)

^[19] **My dear brothers, take note of this:** Everyone should be **quick to listen, slow** to speak and **slow** to become angry,

^[20] for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life 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.

Put into PRACTICE
what you PROFESS
to BELIEVE

^[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 a **man 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 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.

^[26] If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a **tight rein** on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless.

Matthew 25:34-40 (NIV)

^[34] *"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.*

^[35] *For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,*

^[36] *I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'*

^[37] *"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?*

^[38] *When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you?*

^[39] *When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'*

^[40] *"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'*

^[27] 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.