

True Religion > James 1:19-27

1:19-21 *The command.* Gospel-integrity calls every Christian to be quick to hear, but slow to speak and slow to become angry. Why? Because our anger most often reflects our own desires rather than the Lord's. We are, instead, called to receive God's word planted in us. But how?

1:22-25 *The principle.* We receive the word by doing what God has said. Christians aren't just to hear, we aren't simply to have knowledge; instead, we are to apply what we hear and know. We are to respond to what God has told us. Anything else, anything less is to deceive ourselves and not have the blessing that God offers.

1:26-27 *The examples.* James gives three examples of what this looks like practically: keep a firm hold on your words, care well for "the least of these" as Jesus Himself modeled, and pursue holiness in the vein of our Savior. These are examples of "doing" that are the fruit of trusting Jesus.

The Point: True religion is faith that is applied to living – it's being a "do-er" of what God has commanded.

Prayer: Lord, we want to be the kind of people who don't just know about Christ's call on our lives, but who also pursue and live according to all that He has said is best. Transform us and grow us by your Spirit that we would faithfully follow Jesus.

Application: Call on the Lord to give you such a joy in following Jesus that His grace to you results in life change, growing in faithfulness and maturity.

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
