

# BACK to BASICS

## Lesson 4 - Stop Kidding Yourself

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**James 1:19-27** <sup>19</sup>Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: <sup>20</sup>For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. <sup>21</sup>Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. <sup>22</sup>But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. <sup>23</sup>For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: <sup>24</sup>For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. <sup>25</sup>But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. <sup>26</sup>If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. <sup>27</sup>Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world. **(KJV)**

### HOW DO WE MAKE SURE WE AREN'T DECEIVING OURSELVES?

**RECEIVE GOD'S WORD (v. 19-21)** Salvation should result in a \_\_\_\_\_, Christian character and conduct and ministry to others. This happens as we receive the engrafted word of God. (v. 21) James says Christians should be:

- #1. Swift to \_\_\_\_\_! James says we need to be active listeners.
- #2. \_\_\_\_\_ to speak! Wisdom is knowing when to speak and when not to speak.
- #3. Slow to wrath. Wrath closes our minds to the truth of God.

**GOD'S WORD (v. 22-25)** What good is hearing God's Word if we are not going to practice it? How do people use the mirror of God's Word?

- #1. Some people use the mirror of God's Word to \_\_\_\_\_. This person will soon forget what they read.
- #2. Some people use the mirror of God's Word to gaze. This person not only reads the word but this person wants to \_\_\_\_\_ the Word they've read.
- #3. We should all use the mirror of God's Word to grow. Growing means we transform into what God has called us to be.

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**SHARE GOD'S WORD (v. 26—27)** James says share God's Word with your mouth, but watch what you say. How is it that James wants us to share God's Word?

- #1. Through \_\_\_\_\_. Your tongue testifies to your \_\_\_\_\_.  
A person who cannot control their tongue's religion is in \_\_\_\_\_.
- #2. Through \_\_\_\_\_. James is echoing Jesus statement from Matthew 25:40.
- #3. Through separation. This does not mean that we stay away from the world and worldly people. It means we don't \_\_\_\_\_ to the world.

**Mature Christians:** \_\_\_\_\_