

REAL FAITH FOR THE REAL WORLD

The Book of James

PART 7

THE REAL DEAL

Faith that is Pure and Undeified

(James 1:26-27)

INTRODUCTION:

- **OUR SPIRITUAL MATURITY IS NOT ONLY DEVELOPED AND REVEALED BY HOW WE RESPOND TO LIFE'S TRIALS (v. 2-12), BUT ALSO BY HOW WE RESPOND TO GOD'S TRUTH. (v. 19-25). FOR THERE IS A PROMISE OF BLESSING TO BOTH (v. 12, 25).**

- **A WORKING DEFINITION OF MATURITY:**

*"A lifelong, passionate pursuit of God's upward calling in Christ Jesus, experiencing greater intimacy with Him and conformity to Him until the day that I am ultimately with Him and like Him."*

*"In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth..." (v. 18)*

- **THE CONTEXT: WORD OF GOD, SPEAK! CHILD OF GOD, LISTEN! (1:19-25)**

- Our maturity is in direct correlation to our reception of God's Word (1:19-21) and response to God's Word. (1:22-25)

- We are to receive it with a heart of humility, purity and expectancy.

*"...receive the word implanted..."*

- We are to respond to it with heart of submission and obedience.

*"But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers..."*

1A. TWO \_\_\_\_\_ – THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF REAL FAITH.

1B. The Danger of \_\_\_\_\_ : (v. 26)

*"If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is worthless."*

2B. The Danger of \_\_\_\_\_ : (v. 27)

"Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this..."

2A. THREE \_\_\_\_\_ : THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF REAL FAITH.

1B. As it relates to \_\_\_\_\_, genuine faith will be evidenced by \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 26)

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2B. As it relates to \_\_\_\_\_, genuine faith will be evidenced by \_\_\_\_\_ . (v. 27a)

"...to visit orphans and widows in their distress..."

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3B. As it relates to \_\_\_\_\_, genuine faith will be evidenced by \_\_\_\_\_ . (v. 27b)

"...and to keep oneself unstained by the world."

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CONCLUSION: