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Life Hacks: Living Authentically
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MESSAGE NOTES:

James 1:19-27

This passage paints a picture of the juxtaposition of worthless religion and pure religion.
There are 5 aspects compared:

1. Relational Aspect, James 1:19-20
2. Theological Aspect, James 1:21-22
3. Verbal Aspect, James 1:26
4. Social Aspect, James 1:27a
5. Ethical Aspect, James 1:27b

STUDY GUIDE:

Reference:

Open in prayer and read James 1:19-27.

Review:

What was one thing from this weekend's message that challenged, confused, or stood out to you?

Reflect:

1. What is the significance of the way James begins this section of teaching in verse 19? What difference do you think this approach makes when addressing difficult relational circumstances?

2. In what situations do you feel justified in being "quick to anger"? Do you think this is a command to be followed 100% of the time?

3. Here are some other New Testament teachings on anger. How do they fit with the command to be "slow to anger?"

Ephesians 4:25-27:

Matthew 5:21-24:

Mark 3:1-6:

Colossians 3:5-10:

4. Consider James 1:23-24. How do these verses come to bear on the way you approach times of Bible study?

5. Why does James teach that a critical part of the Christian faith is to care for widows and orphans? Why are they specifically singled out?

6. Discuss how a deep understanding, or appropriation, of God's grace leads to more righteous actions.

7. In what areas are you effective in translating Scripture's teachings into actions? Where do you struggle?

Respond/Reinforce:

Instead of being the person who looks in the mirror and forgets what they look like, this week choose one truth from this study, or the message, that you can live out. Share it with someone from your Life Group and the next time you meet as a group report in about how it went.