
The **LESSON** *Of* *The* MIRROR

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Mirrors Are Too Honest

Mirrors Don't Compromise Enough

When We Look Into A Mirror, We See Ourselves

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The Hearers – “Listen Only”

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The “Hearers Only” -- Listen & Listen Only

- “Hearers Only” Deceive Themselves

**It Is Not The Hearing But *The Doing* That Brings
The Blessing.**

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The Doers: Listen To What The Word Says & Do It

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and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

- ***It's Not Enough To Know The Word***
-- We Have To Live The Word
- ***True Faith: Knowing It & Doing It!***

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*James Describes **The “Hearer Only”***
= Someone In A Mirror

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***James Describes “The Doer”
= One Who Looks And Keeps On Looking***

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**The Real Difference Between Hearers And Doers
Is Seen In How They Live Their Lives**

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*The Characteristics Of **Pure Religion***

*(1) **Self-control**— A Bridled Tongue*

*(2) **Love** For Others*

*(3) A **Clean Life***

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Actions Of A Hearer Only:

- *What They Have Is In Their Heads Not Their Hearts*
- *They Have No Freedom To Live For Christ*

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*Actions Of **A Doer: They Hear And Act***

*What They Have Is **In Their Heart***

The Doer Is Opposite Of The Hearer Only

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The Doer Displays Pure & Faultless Religion:

- *We Don't Receive From God So We Can Talk It*
- *We Receive From God So That We Can Live It!*

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The **Doer Displays Pure & Faultless Religion:**

- To look after orphans & widows in their distress = **CONDUCT**
- To keep ourselves unpolluted by the world = **CHARACTER**
- A heart kept pure is free to love others sincerely and selflessly.
- **CHARACTER** *precedes and governs* **CONDUCT**
- True religion *is Not Good Intentions* but **Loving Action.**
- --Preceptaustin --James

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We Need To:

- **Do What We Know!**
- ***Develop The Kind Of Life That Consists Of Loving Others And Being Holy Before God***