

James: Faith/Works Pt. 2

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## Know It, Show It!

### James 1:19-20

“My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.”

### POSTURE yourself as a Christian

- Quick to listen
  - Listen to understand, not respond
- Slow to speak
  - “Think twice, speak once”
- Slow to anger
  - Getting angry is not wrong – How we handle anger can be.
    - Psalm 4:4

\*Remember control your mind, control your life.

Now that we are POSTURED as Christians, James tells us how we can PREPARE for the work of Christianity.

### James 1:21

“Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.”

- Get rid of moral filth and rampant wickedness – Empty yourselves
  - Colossians 3:5-10
- Receive with meekness/humility the word planted in you – Fill yourself
  - Galatians 5:16-25
    - Walk in the Spirit – Fill up on Fruit!

Next James instructs us on how to PRACTICE walking out our faith as a Christian.

### James 1:22

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”

\*\*Christianity is an action-based religion that is focused on building relationships with people.

### James 1:23-24

“Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.”

**\*\*There is no benefit from pretending!**

### James 1:25

“But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom and continues in it--not forgetting what they have heard but doing it--they will be blessed in what they do.”

**Perfect law - Matthew 22:36-40** – Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.””

The last point James addresses are the **PARAMETERS** that govern us as Christians.

### James 1:26 ESV

“If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless.”

- Thinks he is religious – Head
- They developed a toxic narrative - Deceives his heart – Heart
- His religion is worthless – Work of his hands

### James 1:27

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.



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