Open It!
Who do you admire as a follower of Jesus?
(a) in the Gospels or Book of Acts,
(b) in Church History, or
(c) in your life.

What makes the practice of their faith admirable?

Read It!
James 1:19-27

Discuss It!
Look at each of the following verses and name the practices that align with God's word or character, and those which do not.

1:19-21

Do Align:

Don't Align:

1:22-25

Do Align:

Don't Align:

1:26-27

Do Align:

Don't Align:

Live It!
What would God have you do to align the practice of your faith with the word of God?

Who can help you practice the exercise of your faith?

Words to Live By
The Practice of Our Faith
James 1:16-27
Sunday, August 2, 2026

Sermon Proposition
Don't Be Deceived! Align the Practice of Your Faith with the Word of God.

Don't Be Deceived About Your Anger

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; [20] for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. [21] Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

James 1:19–21 (ESV)

Don’t Be Deceived About Who Enjoys God’s Favor

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. [23] For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. [24] For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. [25] But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

James 1:22-25 (ESV)

Don’t Be Deceived About Your Witness for Christ.

If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person’s religion is worthless. [27] Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

James 1:26–27 (ESV)