



## LESSON 5 - JAMES 1:19-27 (STUDENT)

1. What changes did you make as a result of applying last week's lesson?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. What is the progression of the following verses? What do they all have in common?  
  
V. 18  
  
V. 19 (implied)  
  
V. 21  
  
V. 22
  
  
3. According to verse 18, God uses the Word to make every believer the first fruits of His creatures (v. 18). This knowledge of their new birth must lead a new life directed by the Word. What is the first reaction that is demanded of any believer?  
  
They are to be quick to \_\_\_\_\_, slow to \_\_\_\_\_, and slow to become \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 19).
  
  
4. James makes a Proverbs-like statement in verse 19. What are some comparable warnings in Scripture? Look at the following selections in Proverbs. Highlight one of these verses, commit it to memory, and write out one sentence on how you hope to change.

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Proverbs 10:19

Proverbs 13:3

Proverbs 14:29

Proverbs 15:1

Proverbs 17:27-28

Proverbs 29:20

Proverbs 29:22-23

5. What is our human temptation towards others (v. 19)?

A. What false idea do we hold about our anger (v. 20) and why do we believe it?

B. Who are you most tempted to be angry with? How does this verse help you in dealing with your anger?

6. Thankfully, there is a way for us and others to grow in righteousness. How does this happen in a believer's life? Look at the negative and the positive commands in verse 21.

Negative Command:

We must put aside all \_\_\_\_\_ and all \_\_\_\_\_.

Positive Command:

In humility we must \_\_\_\_\_ the word implanted.

A. Just like weeds hinder garden growth, what are the hindrances that keep us from spiritual growth (v. 21)?

B. "Filthiness" is the word, *rhuparia*, which refers to any sort of moral defilement. It is closely related to "wax in the ear" (John MacArthur, P. 74). What are some moral defilements that can impair our hearing of God's Word in our life?

C. "Wickedness" (*kakia*) which is a more general word for corruption, but it applies to **intent**. There are "hidden" sins that no one else can see but the Lord, sins that may be hindering your hearing of God's Word as well. What of these things might be included in your life?

7. What kind of power does the implanted seed of the Word have in a believer's life? What is the end result (v. 21; James 1:12).

Hebrews 4:12

1 Peter 2:1-2

Philippians 1:6

8. What command is given in verse 22? In other words, what will result in the life of the person who has "been brought forth by the word of truth," and who has "received the word in humility"?

9. What does it mean to "delude" oneself? Define this word from a Dictionary and Bible Dictionary (3884 *paralogizomai*). What are some explicit warnings that Jesus gives when we delude ourselves into thinking that we can be mere hearers only, and not doers of the Word?

10. What are some ways that we reason falsely with ourselves and justify disobedience to the Lord?

11. Two kinds of people are being compared in verses 22-27. How are each of these people characterized?

A HEARER OF THE WORD (only) (v. 22)	A _____ OF THE WORD (v. __ __)
• LOOKS at _____ _____ in a _____ (v. __ __)	• LOOKS _____ at the _____ of _____ (v. __ __)
• HAS _____ away (v. 24)	• _____ by it (v. 25)
• (IS a) _____ hearer (v. __ __)	• (IS an) _____ doer (v. __ __)
• DELUDES _____ (v. 22)	• WILL _____ in what he does (v. 25)
	• VISITS the _____ and widows (v. _____)

	27)
• DOES <u>not</u> bridle his _____ (v. __)	• KEEPS oneself _____ by the world (v. __)
• THINKS himself _____ _____ (v. 26)	• This person HAS _____ & _____ religion (v. 27)

## 12. APPLICATION

Which column do you most identify with? Which of these areas is the biggest struggle for you?

- A. Being a forgetful hearer
  
- B. Bridling your tongue
  
- C. Caring for those who can't care for themselves
  
- D. Participating in worldly activities

Take time to confess this to the Lord. Ask Him for help through his Holy Spirit and make a plan of action to help resist the temptation when it arises.

If you identify with the "Hearer" column, go to the Appendix A and go through the worksheet, "How do I know I am a Christian?"

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"These verses must not be misread as teaching a religion of good words that assures acceptance with God and makes faith in the gospel unnecessary. Rather James is insisting upon right conduct that results from a right relationship with God through the transforming Word of God."  
—D. Edmond Hiebert

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