

## THE POWER OF WORDS AND ACTIONS

James 1:19-27

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### NOTES

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Suggested Questions for Individual Study or Group Discussion\*



- Where have you seen examples of angry words and actions in the news this week?
- *Read James 1:19-27.* What clear threefold instruction does James give in verse 19? How are the three parts interrelated? What happens to relationships when we do the opposite of each?
- How do you distinguish between righteous anger on the one hand, and unrighteous or self-righteous anger on the other?
- According to James, what must we do to slow counterproductive anger (v. 20-21)? What does this look like when practically worked out in a person's life? How can you personally do this?
- How does James's analogy of the mirror (v. 22-25) teach us about listening, self-deception, and obedience? What leads you to act like one or the other of the characters described?
- When have you been blessed by both listening and doing the Word (v. 25)? How does the law create freedom for you?
- How can one's speech make one's religion worthless (v. 26)? What makes it hard for you to keep a tight rein on your tongue? How do you seek to do so?
- How does James's final instruction (v. 27) balance the external and the internal, the social and the personal? How is that balanced in your own life? Is there an imbalance you need to correct, and if so how will you do that?
- Of the three parts of James's exhortation—"quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger"—which do you need to work on most?
- How can your small group or others pray for you this week?

Next Week: James 2:1-13

\*Select or adapt questions to fit the needs and makeup of your group.