

Message Notes: Be Hearers and Doers!

James 1:17-27

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- 2) _____ to _____.
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List some of the incredible things God does for us in v. 17-18:

God's greatest gift is the word _____ in you. (v. 21)

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List some specific ways we can be doers and not just hearers.

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What were some thoughts from the text / message that stuck with you this week?

What does James mean that when a person deceives himself because he doesn't control his tongue, "this person's religion is worthless"?

What things in this world tempt you and threaten to "stain" you? Write a prayer that the Lord would keep you unstained by the world.

Work on being a better communicator with God. Step One: Be quick to listen to him--set aside specific time each day this week to listen to his Word. Step Two: Be slow to speak. Don't rush to get through your reading and listening. Don't hurry to get finished with prayer time. Take your time. Step Three: Be slow to become angry. When you hear God confronting you with the things you do wrong, don't get angry. Be honest, admit it, and with his help move forward.

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