



#4 Real Faith is Visible & Active

James 1:19-27

The starting point - vs 18

“He (God) chose to give us birth through the word of truth.”

The basis of our **SALVATION** and **SECURITY** is the Word of God!

Therefore the basis of our **SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT** must be the Word of God!

JAMES 1:19 *My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,²⁰ because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. ²¹Therefore, 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. ²²Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.*

I. **TAKE IN** the Word of God (19-22)

- A. Quiet yourself & grow
- B. Humble yourself & grow
- C. Patiently listen & grow
- D. Seek purity & grow
- E. Commit to obedience & grow

James 1:23 *Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵But 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.*

II. **EXAMINE** yourself by the Word of God (23-25)

- A. Do more than a cursory “inspection”
- B. Be honest with yourself
- C. Be aware of your own “blind spots”
- D. Receive God’s blessing

James 1:26 *Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion 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.*

III. **LIVE OUT** the Word of God (26-27)

- A. Watch your **MOUTH!**
- B. Care about someone besides **YOURSELF!**
- C. Stay out of the **DIRT!**