

James 1:22-27
Doers of the Word

He has shown you, O man ...

I. Hear Well

- A. True Reception
- B. Without Deception

II. See Clearly

- A. True Reflection
- B. Self Inspection
 - 1. Distortion
 - 2. Clarity
 - 3. Grace

III. Be Religious

- A. True Religion
- B. Has Feet

... what is good.

Children, Listen ...

1. Why is it so important that we know what the Bible says?
2. It is enough to just know and believe?
3. When we find sin in our life what should we do?
4. Will God help us to do the things He tells us to if we ask Him to?
5. Is it important for Christians to help people who are in need?

Mirror, Mirror

You all look marvelous this morning! My guess is that we can probably attribute at least some of that to the fact that you looked in a mirror briefly at some point before you left the house today. If there was hair sticking up you may have matted it down or if your face was a little pale you may have pinched your cheeks a little. Most of us probably had to make some minor adjustment or other. Maybe you would describe what you did more as a daily overhaul. Whatever the case may be, mirrors are helpful. James likens looking into Scripture to looking into a mirror. The Bible will give us a good clear image of ourselves when we look into it ... or better said when it looks into us! We will be helped to see our flaws (sins and shortcomings) for what they are and we will know what to repent of that we have done and what we need to pursue that we have not done. If we don't take the time to look into the Word and (with His grace) make the necessary adjustments to our lives we will be like those who forget what they look like. That would be strange. If we don't make necessary changes when we look into literal mirrors we will probably go about looking somewhat disheveled most of the time. If we don't make the necessary changes to our lives when scripture reveals our lacking we will stumble along in our sinfulness. Let us learn to look intently into the Word of God to discover the grace available to blemished sinners like us and that will work to transform our lives to reflect the grace and beauty of our Lord Jesus Christ.