

**James 1: 22-27**  
**Living in Righteousness**

Know the Book

JAMES

THE NUTS & BOLTS OF  
CHRISTIAN LIVING

“Faith that is not demonstrated will  
accomplish nothing”  
(James 2:14-17)

Social media and technology  
Differing worldviews  
Differing moral standards

*Faith Works  
Through Love*

**Galatians 5:6**

## **James 1:17-27**

**17** Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. **18** He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created. **19** My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,

<sup>20</sup> because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. <sup>21</sup> Therefore, 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.

<sup>22</sup> Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

<sup>23</sup> Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror <sup>24</sup> and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

<sup>25</sup> But 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.



26 Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless.

27 Religion 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.

**WHO?**

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# WHO?

1. God the Father is Good. (v17)
2. God the Father is unchanging. (v17)
3. God the Father chooses. (v18)

# Character and Nature of God

Faith in action  $\neq$  Principles

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Works/Actions  $=$  Demonstration  
of Faith

“First fruits of all he created”



“we, out of all creation, became his prized possession.” (NLT)

3 Looks



# 1 Look

“Look Away” (James 1:24)

*<sup>24</sup> and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately **forgets** what he looks like.*

# 1 Look

“Look Away” (James 1:24)

Practical:

Don't forget who we are  
in Christ.

Matthew 5:9

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children  
of God.

2 Corinthians 5:18

<sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who  
reconciled us to himself  
through Christ and gave us the  
**ministry of reconciliation.**

## **John 14:27**

Peace I **leave** with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

His royal priesthood  
(1 Peter 2:9)

Fearfully and wonderfully made  
(Psalm 139)

All things God works for the  
good of those who love Him.  
(Romans 8:28)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Look

“Look Intently” (James 1:25)

The Law of God is Freedom

*25 But 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.*

**“Not once but twice. My cyst is gone.”**

Held onto God's Word,  
“In all things, always give thanks”.



“ We are pressed on every side by troubles, but not crushed and broken. We are perplexed because we don't know why things happen as they do, but we don't give up and quit. We are hunted down, **but God never abandons us**. We get knocked down, but we get up again and keep going.”

(2 Corinthians 4:8-9)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Look

“Look Intently” (James 1:27)

The Law of God is Freedom

Practical:

Don't just experience but  
continue to exercise the  
freedom.

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Look

“Look After” (James 1:27)

Practical:

Don't forget to love God by loving others.

*27 Religion 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.*

God himself is “a father to the fatherless, a defender of widows” (Ps. 68:5)

# Purple: Royalty (Dignity)

Testimony by a girl, Jenna.

"They've given me so many second chances, like, they've taught me what it is to have a real a job," Jenna said, a 23-year-old who had been living on the streets since she was 15. "It's all about love. We're not just a business, we're not just a coffee shop. We are a family."

Living out Jesus' (The Word) in the world

**LOVE**

**Royalty**