



Read James 1:19-27.

1. What do you think about this statement: "The way you live doesn't determine your salvation, but your salvation should determine the way you live."
2. This Sunday Blaze used the example of someone studying a survival handbook without ever opening a pocketknife. Do you find that your spiritual focus leans more towards learning or action? Why?
3. Do you think that the Pharisees are a good example of people who are hearers but not doers? Or perhaps at times their methods of doing lacked the fruit of the Spirit? What are some examples of this we can find in scripture?
4. Before James tells us to receive the word with meekness, he speaks about our conduct. "Be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger." Do one of these commands stand out to you as you reflect on your conduct? What are some practical ways you can ask God to help you in this area?
5. We are told to receive God's word with meekness. What does the word *meekness* mean? How can we practice meekness in receiving God's word?
6. **Reread vs. 23-25.** What stands out to you in the illustration of the man in the mirror?
7. What do you think of James' summary of pure and undefiled religion in **vs. 26-27**?
8. Blaze mentioned that it's possible to do the work of the Lord without the fruit of the Spirit. **Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 and Colossians 1:10.** Can you think of a time when you felt guilty of this?