

## THAT'S NOT HOW IT WORKS

James 1:19-27

*"Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."*

- James 1:4

II. How does the Christian Life Work

A. \_\_\_\_\_ The Word - (vs. 19-21)

*James 1:19-21 - "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. 21 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."*

1. Be \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

*Matthew 13:9 - "Whoever has ears, let them hear."*

*Romans 10:17 - "17 Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ."*

2. Be \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

*Proverbs 10:19 (MSG)-"The more talk, the less truth; the wise measure their words."*

3. Be \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

*James 1:20 - "because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires."*

*James 1:21(MSG) - "So throw all spoiled virtue and cancerous evil in the garbage. In simple humility, let our gardener, God, landscape you with the Word, making a salvation-garden of your life."*

B. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 22-25) -

*James 1:22-25 - "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. 23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. 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."

1. \_\_\_\_\_ OURSELVES

a. We Only \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 23)

b. We \_\_\_\_\_ What we \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 24)

c. We Don't \_\_\_\_\_ What It \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 2)

*2 Corinthians 13:5 - 5 "Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test?"*

C. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ - (vs. 26-27)

*James 1:26-17 - 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."*

1. Live it through how you \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 26)

*2 Corinthians 10:5 - "We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ."*

2. Live it through \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 27a)

3. Live it through being \_\_\_\_\_ (27b)

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