

TESTS OF TRUE SPIRITUALITY TO SEE IF YOU ARE A “DOER”

(James 1:26-27)

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A. You Are to Do More than Merely Listen to the Word (1:22-25)

B. Tests to See if You Are Indeed A Doer of the Word (1:26-27)

1. In your SPEECH towards others. (v. 26)

a. This man’s personal _____... “_____ *he is religious...*”

* What is fascinating about this word “*religious*”?

b. This man’s personal _____... “*does not* _____ *his tongue...*”

* Is a controlled tongue one that says nothing?

c. This man’s personal _____... “*but deceives his* _____ *heart...*”

d. This man’s personal _____... “*this one’s religion is* _____.”

2. In your COMPASSION towards those who cannot REPAY you. (v. 27a)

- a. What really matters is the way God the Father sees _____ spirituality or _____ Christianity.

- b. James argued for reality and he downplayed ministry by _____; he called for a ministry that included _____ with real people.

- c. This verse is _____ meant to define all aspects of true spirituality nor ministry and worship; it is merely one example of the proper _____ which then leads to genuine, heart-felt _____.

* Is this truth taught anywhere else in the New Testament?

3. In your SEPARATION / SANCTIFICATION from this world system. (v. 27b)

- a. You are to keep yourself “*unspotted*” or _____; because moral _____ is another hallmark of true spirituality.

- b. The Christian living in the world is always in _____ of embracing the _____ of this *kosmos*, which is often times anti-Christian.

* How can you personally apply this truth?