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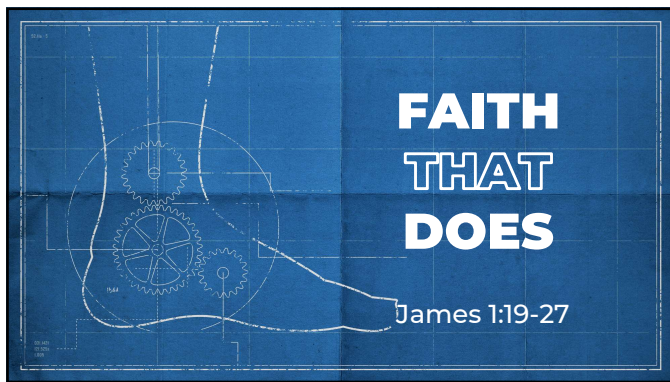
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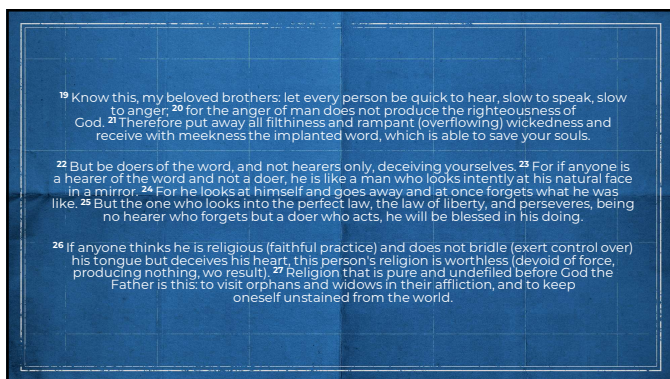
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**19** Know this, my beloved brothers:  
let every person be quick to hear,  
slow to speak, slow to anger;

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**20** for the anger of man does not  
produce the righteousness of  
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**21** Therefore put away all filthiness  
and rampant wickedness and  
receive with meekness the  
implanted word, which is able to  
save your souls.

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**22** But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

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**23** For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror.

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**24** For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.

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**25** But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

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**26** If anyone thinks he is religious (faithful practice) and does not bridle (exert control over) his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless

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**27** Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

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## What Do True Believers Do with God's Word?

### Three Decisions

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<sup>19</sup>... let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. <sup>21</sup>Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

### Make Ready to Receive It.

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### Four Steps to Be Ready to Receive

- **Be Eager**            Quick to Hear
- **Be Teachable**    Slow to Speak
- **Be Humble**        Slow to Anger
- **Be Pure**            Put away Filthiness

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**23** For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. **24** For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. **25** But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

**Invite It to Change You.**

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**26** If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. **27** Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

**Choose to Let it Rule.**

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### Real Faith Shows

- **Isaiah 29** <sup>13</sup> this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me.
- **Romans 2** <sup>13</sup> For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified.
- **2 Peter 1** <sup>10</sup> make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall.
- **Ephesians 2** <sup>10</sup> For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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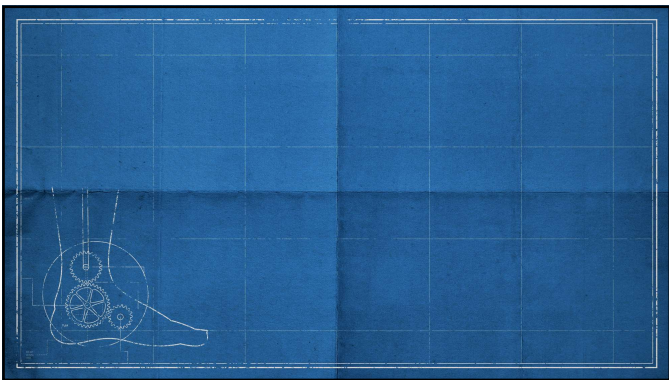
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