

JAMES 1:21-27
DOERS OF THE WORD

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MAIN IDEA

BECAUSE THE GOSPEL AND TRUE CHRISTIANITY IS BY NATURE TRANSFORMATIVE, WE MUST BE DOERS OF THE WORD AND NOT MERELY HEARERS.

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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.

22 BUT BE DOERS OF THE WORD, AND NOT HEARERS ONLY, DECEIVING YOURSELVES. **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.

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.

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THE SUPERNATURAL WORK OF GOD ON THE HUMAN HEART BY THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL (THE "IMPLANTED WORD")

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- **THE HEARER ONLY LOOKS IN THE MIRROR AND ADJUSTS HIMSELF FOR A FLEETING MOMENT, WHILE THE DOER ACTS AND PERSEVERES SO THAT THE TRANSFORMATION IMPACTS EVERY AREA OF HIS LIFE.**

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