

# Applying Scripture

Move Beyond Just Hearing / to Doing the Word

You are **not** deceiving God, or others, just yourself

**Greek Word** / means miscalculate, Doing the math wrong.

**Illustration** / **The Mirror** / everybody else sees who you are and you don't see it yourself.

## James 1:22-27

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**,  
*= Keeps on, continues on*
- being no hearer who **forgets** but a doer who **acts**,
- he will be **blessed** in his doing.  
*= Happy, content, fortunate*

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.

## Stoop Over Curiously

**Greek Word** / means to bend over, stoop over and look curiously into something, become intellectually interested in.

**Application** / God wants you to be curious about the Word of God, not apathetic



## Why Should We Stoop Down and Look?

*This is speaking of Jesus' Fulfillment of the Law / Law + Christ*

**The Law of Christ is Perfect** / The Greek word here means complete, the utmost, the standard.

**Application** / There is no better source of good advice or truth

**The Law of Christ Brings Freedom** / If we attend to the Word and do it, it will bring freedom. Freedom is found nowhere else.

**John 8:36** / "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

## Not Saved by Good Works, but...

*...saved to do good works!*

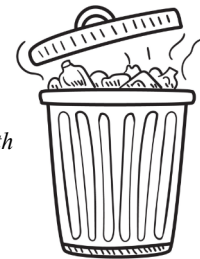
**Epesians 2:8-10** / 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 **not a result of works**, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **for good works**, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

## An Example...

Here we see James giving us an example of the principles above...

**Worthless** / the word here means idle, empty, fruitless, powerless, lacking truth

**Application** / If you don't act out your faith, do what the word says, your faith is worthless, it has no reality, no purpose, and is empty



## Two Catagories...

**DOs**

Sins of Omission / things you should do but don't actually do... good deeds

**DON'Ts**

Sins of Comission / things you do that you should not / they stain you... sin



*This is Your Responsibility,  
Not Other People's*