13. What is the second exhortation that James gives?	27. James tells us to cast aside sinful attitudes and actions that would impede what?
14. When Job's trials first hit him he did not do what?	28. The repeated emphasis in verse 21 is on the importance of what?
15. After Job's friends wore him down with their accusations, Job got pulled into their foolishness and began to do what?	29. The word "receive" means to do what with the Word of God?
16. When we are going through trials we need to guard what?	30. Are you listening to this sermon and working it through your heart and mind?
17. We should be slow to speak our opinions on the ways and doings of God, but we should also be slow to speak what?	31. When was the word "planted" in us?
18. According to James 3:1, what will teachers of God's word receive?	32. What do we do with the Word after we hear it, process it, and wrestle with it?
19. What is a third exhortation that James gives?	33. Are you deceived each Sunday by being a hearer of the Word only?
20. The Greek word for "wrath" is used to describe what?	34. Are you like someone who looks in a mirror but doesn't do anything about what he sees?
21. It is possible for us to be resentful towards whom?	35. Do you regularly see changes that you make in your own life in response to what you hear from the Word of God or are you content simply to listen to the sermon?
22. A second possible object of our wrath or resentment is the what?	to listen to the sermon.
23. What are you putting a huge blockade against in your life if you become angry and resentful at God and His Word?	36. Contrary to how many people view the Word of God, it is actually what?
	37. Who will be blessed in what he does?
24. Do you take anger lightly in your life? Do you see it as a trivial or insignificant thing?	
25. One of the worst ways to listen to a sermon is with what in your heart?	38. The person who hears the Word and does the Word is likened to a wise man who does what?
26. Before a sermon put on an attitude of what?	39. Are you a wise person or a foolish person?

- 40. Do you want the blessing of God to be on your life? Then be a what?
- 41. Are you on the path of blessing?

God did not give you His Word to make you a smarter sinner. He gave you His Word to make you more like His Son. Apply what you learn!

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- ***How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- » How can I accomplish this change?
- » What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

For Next Time:

- 1) Read James through three times this week.
- 2) Read James 1:19-27 three times this week.
- 3) Give thought to a time where someone's actions spoke louder than their words. What is an example in your own life where (either for good or for bad) you recall where someone told you that your actions were speaking loud and you didn't need to say what you believed.
- 4) What is true religion? How does your life demonstrate true religion?

If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

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HOW TO LISTEN TO A SERMON James 1:19-25 (Series #8)

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon "How To Listen To a Sermon." All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

- 1. How many sermons do you believe you have heard in your life?
- 2. Have you ever thought about a game plan to listen to sermons?
- 3. James breaks his suggested game plan into what three time phases?a. Before the sermon ______b. During the sermon ______c. After the sermon ______
- 4. We are to count it all joy when we encounter various trials because we know that the testing of our faith produces what?
- 5. The Lord uses trials to do what?
- 6. Trials often cause us to be more vulnerable to what?
- 7. Some people get angry at God for temptations that come into their lives so James reminds us of the what?
- 8. God is good and He only gives what?
- 9. God gave us life by the what?
- 10. The first of 3 commands that James gives us in verse 19 is to be what?
- 11. God used the word of truth to give us what?
- 12. Peter tells us to desire the pure milk of the word that we may do what?

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