

James 1:19-27

v19 - 'take note'	(phrase)	pay attention
v20 - righteous	(adjective)	doing what is right
v21 - moral	(adjective)	relating to what is right and wrong
v21- filth	(noun)	a disgusting amount of dirt
v21 - evil	(noun)	thoughts and actions that are against what God says is good
v21 - prevalent	(adjective)	common
v21 - humbly	(adverb)	in a way that is not thinking too highly of yourself
v22 - merely	(adverb)	only
v22 - deceive	(verb)	lie to; lead to believe something that is false
v25 - intently	(adverb)	with eager attention
v25 - blessed	(adjective)	favoured you God
v26 - considers	(verb)	thinks of something in a particular way
v26 - religious	(adjective)	has a strong belief in God
v26 – rein	(noun)	leather straps attached around a horse’s neck and used to control the horse



v26 – ‘keep a tight rein’		keep under good control
v27 – pure	(adjective)	complete; not mixed with anything else
v27 – faultless	(adjective)	perfect; without mistakes
v27 – orphans	(noun)	children whose parents have died
v27 – widows	(noun)	women whose husband has died
v27 – polluted	(verb)	made dirty by having dangerous substances added to it

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¹⁹ My dear brothers and sisters, pay attention to what I say. Everyone should be quick to listen. But they should be slow to speak. They should be slow to get angry. ²⁰ Human anger doesn’t produce the holy life God wants. ²¹ So get rid of everything that is sinful. Get rid of the evil that is all around us. Don’t be too proud to accept the word that is planted in you. It can save you.

²² Don’t just listen to the word. You fool yourselves if you do that. You must do what it says. ²³ Suppose someone listens to the word but doesn’t do what it says. Then they are like a person who looks at their face in a mirror. ²⁴ After looking at themselves, they leave. And right away they forget what they look like. ²⁵ But suppose someone takes a good look at the perfect law that gives freedom. And they keep looking at it. Suppose they don’t forget what they’ve heard, but they do what the law says. Then this person will be blessed in what they do.

²⁶ Suppose people think their beliefs and how they live are both right. But they don’t control what they say. Then they are fooling themselves. Their beliefs and way of life are not worth anything at all. ²⁷ Here are the beliefs and way of life that God our Father accepts as pure and without fault. When widows are in trouble, take care of them. Do the same for children who have no parents. And don’t let the world make you impure.

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