

James 1:19-27 Handout

Assignment 1: Verses 19-21 Receive the word

1. V19 What is James' tone toward those who he's writing to?

2. 2. James gives a threefold command in verse 19. What is it? See Ecclesiastes 5:1-2; Proverbs 10:17; 17:27 and 14:29.

3. V20. What is one result our anger will never produce? Why do you think that is?

4. V21 What does James tell us to put away from ourselves? See Colossians 3:8

5. V21 What does James tell us to receive? In what manner are we told to receive this?

Assignment 2: Verses 22-25 Respond to the word

6. V22 What is James telling us to do with the Word?

7. 7. V23-24 What are the consequences of not following through with James' command concerning the Word? Read Matthew 7:21, 24-27; Luke 8:21; John 13:17; Romans 2:13

8. 8. V25 What two benefits come from following through with James' command concerning the Word? See Psalm 1; Galatians 5:1, 13; 1 Peter 2:16.

Assignment 3: Verses 26-27 Resignation to the word - what those who act on the word look like

- Key words
 - Religious - inward state
 - 2357 θρησκος [threskos /thrace-kos/] adj. Probably from the base of 2360; TDNT 3:155; TDNTA 337; GK 2580; AV translates as “religious” once. 1 fearing or worshipping God. 2 to tremble. 2A trembling, fearful.
 - Religion - outward expression
 - 2356 θρησκεία [threskeia /thrace-ki-ah/] n f. From a derivative of 2357; TDNT 3:155; TDNTA 337; GK 2579; Four occurrences; AV translates as “religion” three times, and “worshipping” once. 1 religious worship. 1A esp. external, that which consists of ceremonies. 1A1 religious discipline, religion.

9. Why does an uncontrolled tongue adversely affect the value of one's efforts to express outward worship (religion)? See James 3:2, 5-6 and Proverbs 10:19

10. V27 What are the two characteristics of pure and undefiled religion?

11. Read 1 John 2:15-16. In what way does the world affect the disciple?

12. Where does God want our focus? See Philippians 2:3-4 and Matthew 16:24 (Also found in Mark 8:34 and Luke 9:23)

13. In a society where, to some degree, widows and orphans are taken care of, what would the expression of true religion look like today?