

Faith Works
James 1:12 -27
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- I. Returning to the Topic of Trials – James 1:2-5, 12
 - A. Repeated Words
 1. Trial, _____, persevere
 - B. Trial
 1. Any unexpected, unwelcome _____
 2. Anything that has the potential to threaten our _____ to Christ
 - C. Promise of Reward
 1. Perseverance brings _____
 2. Crown of _____
 - a. The crown which is _____
 - D. James’s Purpose in Verse 12
 1. To encourage his readers to _____ faithfully
 2. Following Jesus example – Heb. 12:2-3
- II. Testing and Tempting – Vv. 12-15
 - A. Hinge Verse – Vs. 12
 1. Test/Trial
 - a. Can be translated _____ or _____
 2. Trial can lead to _____
 - B. “When tempted...”
 1. Verse 13 might be better translated

- a. Never when you are put to the _____, say God is tempting you...
- b. God may _____ his people, but he never _____ them
- 2. So what's the difference between testing and temptation?
 - a. The purpose of testing/trial is to _____ us in our faith
 - b. The purpose of temptation is to _____ our faith
 - i. To turn us away from God
- 3. We are _____ for our own actions

C. Evil Desire

- 1. Our very _____ nature is what causes us to be tempted
- 2. Fishing/Trapping metaphor

D. Destructiveness of Sin

- 1. It is not _____
- 2. Sin leads to _____ (Romans 6:23)
 - a. And it starts with _____

E. Teenagers Asking the Wrong Questions

- 1. How far is too far?
- 2. We should never ask, "How close can I get to sin without actually sinning?"

F. We Do the Same Thing

- 1. We convince ourselves that what we're doing is not really that _____

III. God Gives Good Gifts – Vv. 16-18

A. Don't Be Deceived

1. About _____
 - a. You are _____ for your own actions
2. Nor about _____
 - a. He never _____
 - b. Rather, he is the _____ of all good gifts

B. Three Purposes of vv. 16-18

1. Brings us back to the topic of _____ of intent
2. To provide a _____
3. Introduce the “ _____ ”

C. Father of Lights

1. “ Father” is used of God in his capacity as _____

D. Unchanging God

1. Unlike the _____ which is constantly moving, changing
 - a. _____ does not change
2. There is not _____ in him...only _____

E. Gave Us Birth

1. One of those gifts is our _____ through the _____ of truth
2. Physical or spiritual birth?

F. Word of Truth

1. The _____ through which God brings people to life spiritually
2. In the New Testament it refers to the _____
3. Surely this is the _____ of God's many good gifts to us

IV. Obedience as Evidence of Spiritual Wholeness – Vv. 19-27

A. Key Words

1. " _____, " "Law," " _____ "

B. Ties to James 1:2-18

1. James's main concern in 2-18

a. Believers facing trials would live with steadfast _____
and unwavering _____

2. James's main concern in 1:19 – 2:26 is _____

a. Endurance and faith are _____ in obedience

V. Hasty Speech and Anger – Vv. 19-20

A. My Dear Brothers

1. Announces a new _____ in James

2. Speech may have been a particular _____ for his readers

B. Proverb

1. Proverbs is filled with similar _____

a. Even a fool is though wise if he keeps _____ (17:28)

b. A man of knowledge uses words with _____, and a man of
understanding is even-tempered (17:27)

2. The implication is that the quick-tempered person is likely to
speak without careful _____

C. Emotions

1. Not wrong in themselves, but they make horrible _____

2. "Emotions are the product of the entire person, and, by God's
grace and the work of the Spirit, the person can be transformed so as to
bring emotions in line with God's word and will."

D. Why We Should Be Slow to Anger

1. Righteousness of _____

a. Can have a number of meanings – the righteousness God
_____, the righteousness God _____

2. Human _____ does not produce _____ that is
pleasing to God

3. Anger is not always _____

a. There is such a thing as _____ anger, but it is also fairly

4. The truth is that when we are _____ to become angry, we usually _____
 - a. And often times that sin involves our _____

VI. Don't Merely Listen – Vv. 21-25

A. Therefore – Vs. 21

1. Probably connected to vs. 18
2. Because God has _____ us, we should get rid of anything _____

B. Vivid Language

1. To show how _____ sin is
2. Metaphor
 - a. Common New Testament _____
 - b. Word picture for taking off _____ clothes and putting on new

C. Humbly Accept the Word

1. Receive and live out the gospel in _____
2. It is, in fact, the supernatural _____ of a life that has been made new in Christ

D. Do It

1. Acceptance of the word means to _____ it
 - a. Of course we are to _____ to God's Word
 - b. But we are to do _____ than listen
 - c. We are to _____ in faith to that Word
2. If we have _____ to the word of God, and if we have _____ changed by the Spirit
 - a. We will _____ that word
3. Listening must _____ to doing

E. Metaphor – Vv. 23-25

1. Contrast
 - a. Between one who looks into the mirror and _____ what he sees there

- b. And one who looks into the mirror of God's Word, not _____ it and receives _____

F. Perfect Law

- 1. Not the Law of _____
- 2. Rather it is what Paul calls the Law of _____
 - a. It is synonymous with the "word of truth" or the _____
- 3. The result of living a life of obedience is _____

VII. True Religion – Vv. 26-27

A. Tight Rein

- 1. We can do a lot of _____ with our tongues
- 2. May the _____ guide and control our speech

B. Widows and Orphans

- 1. Throughout the Old and New Testaments, _____ and _____ are emblematic of those who are vulnerable and needy
- 2. The whole _____, rather than a gospel with a _____
- 3. But truly, meeting people's _____ needs without addressing their _____ needs isn't the true vision of the Gospel of Christ either
- 4. We must both _____ the truth and the gospel and _____ is by caring for those who are in need

VIII. Concluding Reflection

A. Connecting Two Verses – James 1:17 & 25

- 1. James tells us to not _____ what we have heard in the Word of God
- 2. Surely, one thing we are to remember is the _____ of God

