



How do each of these barriers interfere with the acceptance of God's Word? If these barriers are present, what does it say about the focus of our life?

### Deep in the Bible Study of James (1:19-27)



## I. Receiving of the Word (19-21)



### Keys to Receiving God's Word:

- Listening First (19)
- Meekness (21)

### Barriers to Receiving God's Word

- Speaking First (19)
- Anger (19-20)
- Wickedness (21)



### James 1:19-27 (ESV)

19 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be **quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger;**



20 for the **anger** of man does not produce the righteousness that God requires.

21 Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with **meekness** the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

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, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be **blessed in his doing.**

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.

**Ecc1 5:1-2**  
-Sacrifice of fools  
**Phil 4:5**  
-Forbearance

**Rom 3:21-26** - The righteousness of God

**Heb 12:1-2** - putting aside every weight

**Matthew 5:2-12** - "The Beatitudes" - Pathway to Righteousness

Hearing without doing, indicates hearing without true faith in God  
-Romans 10:14-17  
-James 2:14-26

**Matt 13:3-9, 18-23**  
Compare to the parable of the sower

**θρησκός - thrēskos**  
Describes the person who performs the external acts of religion, such as public worship, fasting, etc.

**3 Ways the Truth Should be Put Into Practice:**  
\*In speech (**James 3:1-12**)  
\*In love toward others (**Matt 25:31-46**)  
\*In avoiding the world's pollution (**Gal 5:19-21**)

## II. Practice of the Word (22-27)

Why would this message have been especially relevant for Jewish readers?  
-Romans 2:12-29

παρακύπτω - parakuptō  
-to stoop to look in

**One is Blessed if They (v. 25):**

**Seek the Truth**  
(John 20:1-5)

**Stay on Track**  
(Psalm 1)

**Shape your Thinking**  
(Phil 4:9)

**See it Through**  
(Matt 7:21-23)

