



**Sunday, October 31, 2021**

**Sermon Series:  
James: A Practical Faith that Works**

**Title: “Responding to God’s Mirror”**

**Text: James 1:19-27**

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**Big Idea:** James invites us to prioritize looking into the mirror of God’s truth so we will be motivated to practice daily obedience.

**Principles for Handling God’s truth.**

- 1) Prioritize “look and listen” when it comes to God’s Word. (James 1:19 / Proverbs 18:15)
- 2) Anger and sin are distractions to God’s Word. (James 1:20-21 / 2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- 3) Make honest obedience to God’s Word a daily practice. (James 1:22-27)

**Nine things to ask myself as I look into the “Mirror” of God’s Word:**

- 1) Is there a **sin** to confess?
- 2) Is there a **promise** to claim?
- 3) Is there an **attitude** to change?
- 4) Is there a **command** to keep?
- 5) Is there an **example** to follow?
- 6) Is there a **prayer** to pray?
- 7) Is there an **error** to avoid?
- 8) Is there a **truth** to believe?
- 9) Is there **something** for which to thank God?

**Study/Application Questions and Actions:**

- 1) Think of some times when you should have listened a bit longer before you spoke. What are some benefits to being quick to listen and slow to speak and how can that keep us from sinning?
- 2) How does the “anger of man” differ from the “anger of God?” Name some godly benefits to practicing “responding” to feelings of anger, rather than “reacting” to them.
- 3) What part does personal humility play in being willing to “do the word?”
- 4) In what ways is the Bible like a mirror? What are the best ways to properly respond to God’s mirror? What is the difference between the way a “doer” and a “hearer” might react to God’s truth?
- 5) List some practical ways to show compassion to those in our church who have recently endured devastating loss.