Lesson 5 - James 1:19-27 - Working of the Word

What Do They Know?	What Should They Do?	
 Dt 6: 4-7 - They know who God is - James's readers know God's Word from what has been spoken - You know what God's Word does in your life - Apply the teachings to our lives Word	 put aside all filthiness - #G4507 - rhyparia - morally wicked, used of dirty clothing, used of ear wax - Wickedness (superfluity of naughtiness) - abundance of malice, maliciousness, evil, ill-will, desire to injure, depravity, not ashamed to break laws, malignity (21) Receive the word implanted in humility - we allow it to do it work 	
 the word is implanted - takes root in our hearts (21) Acts as a mirror and reveals who we really are (22-23) Brings us freedom (25) How to Live be doers of the Word and not hearers only (22-25) Rest of the letter focuses on how to be doers 	 Prove ourselves doers of the Word not just a hearer (22) - character, the life style of the believe - hearers are deluded (math term - you made a miscalculation) Look intently at the law of liberty (freedom from sin's bondage) and abides by it 	
 Everyone must be - command Quick to hear God's Word (doer) Respond quickly and positively Eager to pursue every opportunity to know God's Word better! 		
 slow to speak Power of the tongue (vs 26, chapter 3) Warning about teaching and the judgment that comes with it (3:1-2; I Ti 3:6; 5:22) 		
 slow to anger Be careful not to resent the teachings of the Word Allow the word to convict us of sin Be angry and sin not (Eph 4:26) 		

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Actions Prove Character	True Religion
 what you think you are and what you actually are may be two different things Your actions will prove what you truly are Bridling the tongue brings a huge, powerful animal under control If you say you're religious and can't bridle your tongue you are deceived Satan's the one who deludes and deceives he gets our focus off of God and His Word as our measuring stick and gets us to compare ourselves with others Pure and undefiled religion visit orphans and widows Visit = #G1980 - episkeptomai - epi and skopos - an observer, a watchman, to look after, to inspect, examine, to look upon in order to help or benefit - means personal involvement Keep yourself unstained by the world (evil world system in Satan's control) 	 in verse 26 - James refers to ceremonial public worship - not the inward worship purity of heart (pure religion) is revealed by proper speech pure and undefiled religion is marked by compassionate love caring for those who can't care for themselves and usually there is no way for them to reciprocate (give back to you)