

Mirror, Mirror, In The Word

We Will Do What We Have Heard

James 1:22-25

I. Examination: I'm Starting With The Man In The Mirror (22-24)

A. Apply God's Word With Humble Reception (22a; cf. 2 Tim 3:16-17)

^{22a} But be **doers** of the word,

B. Don't Deny God's Word With Arrogant Self-Deception (22b)

^{22b} and not hearers only, **deceiving** yourselves.

C. Remember God's Word On Christ's Transformation (23-24; 2 Cor 5:17)

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.



II. Transformation: Make That Change (25)

A. Look: Transformation Requires Examination (cf. Titus 1:9; Ps 119:45; Jn 8:32,34)

But the one who **looks** into the perfect law, the law of liberty

B. Persevere: Transformation Is Incremental (cf. 1 Tim 4:16)

and **perseveres**,

C. Act: Transformation Takes Effort

being no hearer who forgets but a doer who **acts**,

D. Be Blessed: Transformation Is Rewarding

he will be **blessed** in his doing.

Conclusion:

1. Use this time of social distancing to dig into the Word of God and reflect on specific changes to be more like Christ.
2. Don't let social distancing become social isolation. Creative reach out to encourage others.
3. Find ways to share the Gospel to those who fear sickness and death.
4. Put feet to your faith by serving the sick, vulnerable and those in need during this time.

Discussion:

- What are some of the lies and self-deceptions we tell ourselves to warp our mirrored image?
- How does obedience to the Word of God bring us freedom (liberty)?
- How can we live out our faith in action during this time of crisis?