

WHAT DOES GOD'S  
TRUTH  
DO IN OUR LIVES?

JAMES 1:18-27

## **James 1:18-27**

**18 Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.**

**19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:**

**20 For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.**

**21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.**

## **James 1:18-27 - continued**

**22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.**

**23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:**

**24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.**

**25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.**

## **James 1:18-27 - continued**

**26 If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.**

**27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.**

# **I. We Are Reborn By His Truth (v 18)**

## **A. Consistent with His will**

**2 Peter 3:9**

**The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.**

## **B. Created by His Word**

## **C. Consecrated by His Word**

**John 17:17**

**Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.**

## **II. We Are Restrained By His Truth (vv 19-25)**

### **A. In anger (1:19-20)**

#### **1. Slow down (v 19)**

**Ephesians 4:31**

**Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:**

#### **2. Sin not (v 20)**

**Ephesians 4:26-27**

**26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:**

**27 Neither give place to the devil.**

## **II. We Are Restrained By His Truth (vv 19-25)**

### **B. In activity (1:21-25)**

- 1. The Word should work in our lives (vv 21-22)**
  - a. Our preparation required (v 21)**
  - b. Our persistence required (v 22)**
- 2. The Word should be witnessed in our lives (vv 23-24)**
  - a. By careful attention (v 23)**
  - b. By constant remembrance (v 24)**
- 3. The Word should be wanted in our lives (v 25)**
  - a. By careful inspection**
  - b. By continued intimacy**

### **III. We Are Righteous By His Truth (vv 26-27)**

#### **A. In language (1:26)**

**Luke 6:45-46**

**45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.**

**46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?**



### **III. We Are Righteous By His Truth (vv 26-27)**

#### **B. In labor (19:27)**

##### **1. That is pure**

**1 Peter 1:22**

**Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, *see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:***

##### **2. That is purposeful**

**Matthew 25:36**

**Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.**

# **III. We Are Righteous By His Truth (vv 26-27)**

## **B. In labor (19:27)**

### **3. That is proper**

#### **2 Peter 3:14**

**Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.**

**What Has God's Truth  
Done In Your Life?**