

BECOMING A CHILD OF THE KING PART 3

James 1:19-27



1) A CHILD OF THE KING'S _____.

“My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, ²⁰because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.” James 1:19-20

A Child of the King’s innate motivation is to be pleasing to God. While our sinful nature works to kill that desire, James offers a way for us to get our spiritual desires back. For starters- talk less. We need to think about what we are going to say before we say it. We will gossip less, be critical less, and be negative less. Additionally, we need to “cool off” our anger before we react. We don’t have to let anger mess up our lives.

2) A CHILD OF THE KING'S _____.

“Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.” (21).

Though our sinful nature can spread (i.e. so prevalent) like an aggressive cancer, the Bible is God’s way of operating on us. The Bible is living and active, able to pierce through the things we are in denial about and our intentions (Heb. 4:12). With a submissive attitude towards God, let the Bible “save you”.

What does “humbly accept” mean to you?

What does “save you” mean in this verse?

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the **perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it**—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.” James 1:21-25 (Bold mine).

Why does James keep bringing up how we can deceive ourselves?

The more we let the Bible show us who we are (i.e. like a mirror) the more we can live in freedom (Gal. 5:1). However, we need to “do what it says”. James isn’t talking about a works-based salvation. He is talking about having a functional faith. How do we know if we have true “saving” faith?

3) A CHILD OF THE KING'S _____.

“If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person’s religion is worthless. 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.” James 1:26-27

James ends this chapter with the ultimate confrontation by asking us if we put a reign on our tongue. Ouch! As Jesus said, “the heart speaks what the heart is full of” (Matt. 12:34)

What does loving God look like in verse 27?

What does it mean to be stained by the world?

What is one thing that really hit you today?

What is one way you would like to express your faith more?