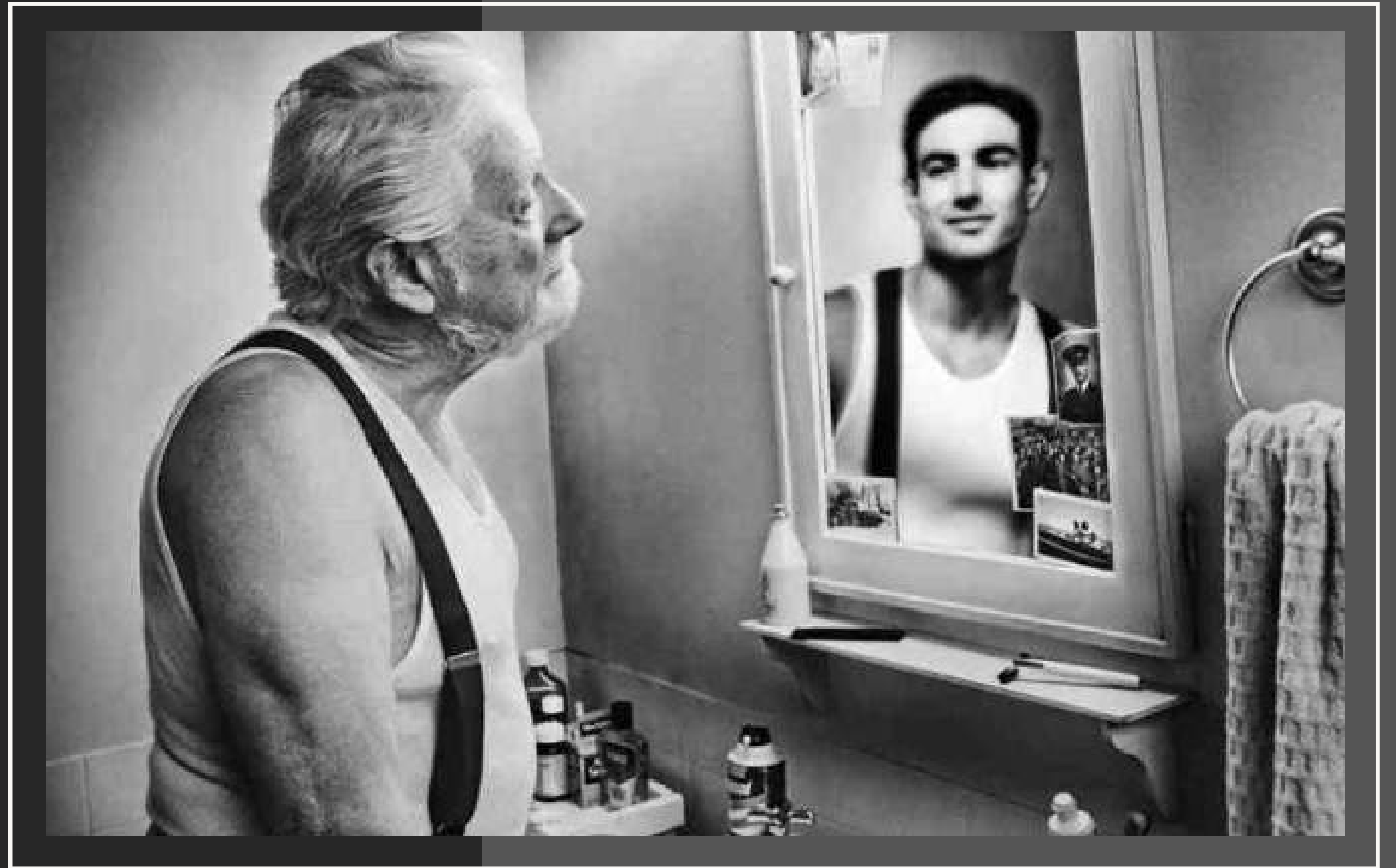


DO NOT
DECEIVE
YOURSELF



James 1:22-27



22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. 23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. 25 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.

26 Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. 27 Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

James 1

Three Tests of Faith



TRIALS



TEMPTATIONS



TRUTH



Our Response To God's Word

RECEPTION

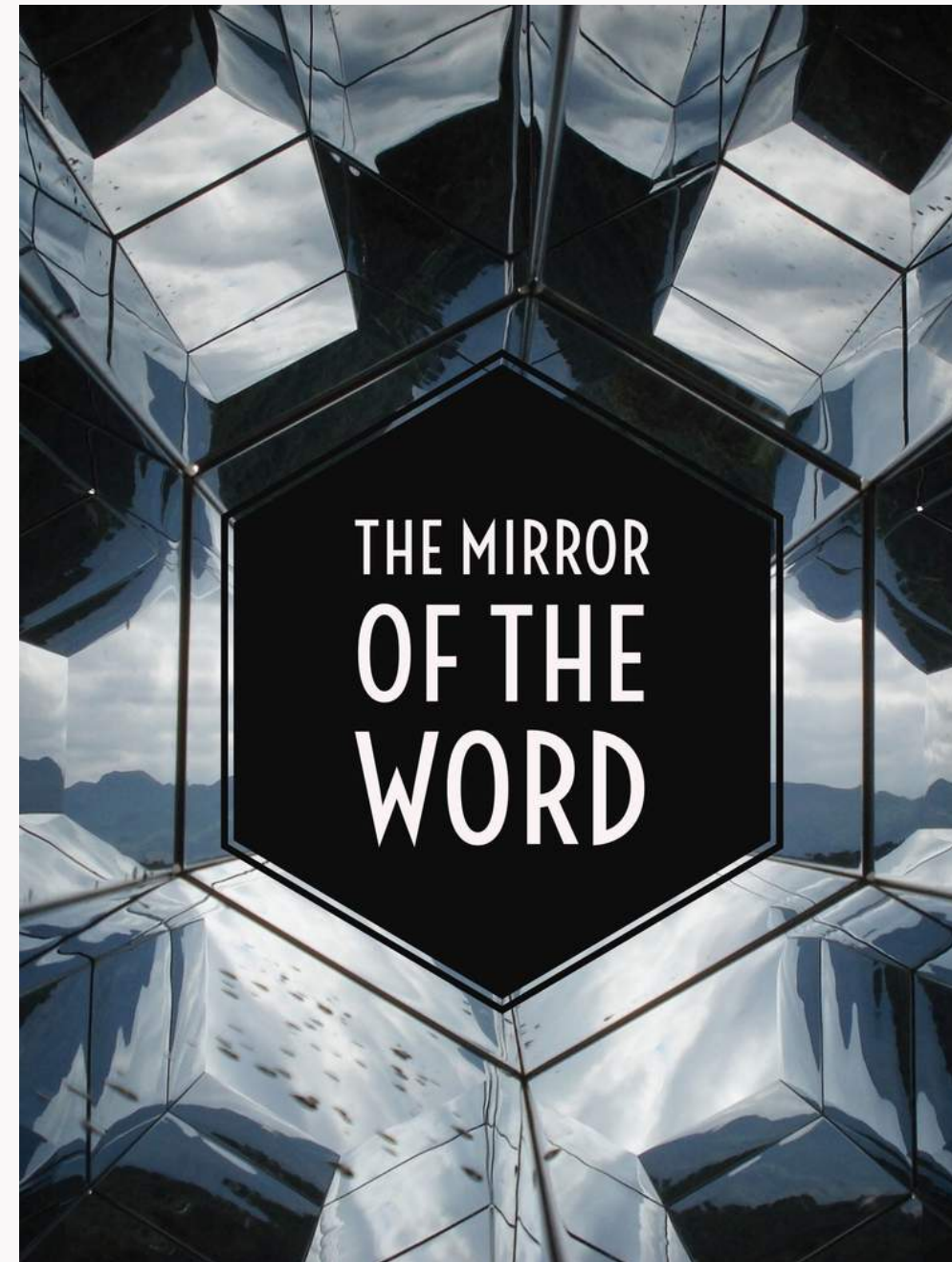
21 ... humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

REACTION

22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

SØREN KIERKEGAARD

The fundamental purpose of God's word is to give us true self-knowledge; it is a real mirror, and when we look at ourselves properly in it, we see ourselves as God wants us to see ourselves.



For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

Hearing Without Doing Leads To Self-Deception

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James 1



THE PERSON IN THE MIRROR

WHEN VIEWING YOURSELF IN THE
MIRROR OF GOD'S WORD

What Will You See?

BECOMING
Beautiful
THROUGH THE
MIRROR OF
GOD'S WORD



Casual Careless Forgetful

I think that James is not describing a man with a poor memory, but rather a man with poor priorities. He doesn't remember what he saw in the mirror because he doesn't regard it as very important. God, heaven, eternal life, and all of the other doctrines in the Bible are interesting and nice, but this person has a career to pursue. He's got money to make. He's got his hobbies and toys that are his passion on his days off. He forgets what God's word says about his sins because, really, it just isn't all that important compared to these other priorities in his life.

Steven J Cole



Heart of the Matter



Can Such A Religion Save?



Hearing And Doing Leads To Blessing

25 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





Parakupsas
to stoop
and look



THE PERFECT LAW THAT GIVES FREEDOM

*Then you will know
the truth*

and the truth will

set you free.

John 8:32



I WILL WALK ABOUT IN FREEDOM,
PSALM 119:45
FOR I HAVE SOUGHT OUT YOUR PRECEPTS.



Worthless Religion Or Pure And Faultless Religion?



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James 1

DO YOU KEEP A TIGHT REIN ON YOUR TONGUE?

9 With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. 10 Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.

James 1



If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless.

- James 1:26 -

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THE TONGUE CAN BRING

DEATH

OR

LIFE

PROVERBS 18:21

A good man brings good things

out of the good stored up in his heart,
and an evil man brings evil things
out of the evil stored up in his heart.
For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

Luke 6:45 NIV

An Uncontrolled Tongue

An Issue of the Heart

**Pure & Faultless
Religion That
God The Father
Accepts**



**CONVERSATION
Speech**



**COMPASSION
Service**



**CHARACTER
Separation**



Compassion

27 Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress ...

James 1



Listen Christian

Bob Rowland

I was hungry
And you formed a humanities club
And discussed my hunger.
Thank you.

I was imprisoned
And you crept off quietly
To your chapel in the cellar
And prayed for my release.

I was naked
And in your mind
You debated the morality
Of my appearance



Listen Christian

Bob Rowland

I was sick
And you knelt and thanked God
For your health

I was homeless
And you preached to me
Of the spiritual shelter
Of the Love of God

I was lonely
And you left me alone
To pray for me

You seem so holy;
So close to God
But I'm still very hungry



...the future was unclear. It was
signs of the island being brought back to life anyway, I had

Widows



Orphans

Character

27 Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: ... and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. *(James 1)*



First, there is friendship of the world, which can lead to a love for the world. If we are not careful, we will become conformed to this world, and the result is being condemned with the world. Lot is an illustration of this principle. First, he pitched his tent toward Sodom, and then moved into Sodom. Before long, Sodom moved into him and he lost his testimony even with his family. When judgment fell on Sodom, Lot lost everything.

Warren Wiersbe

DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT THE FRIENDSHIP OF

THE WORLD IS ENMITY WITH GOD?

JAMES 4:4



**22 Do not merely listen
to the word, and so
deceive yourselves. Do
what it says.**

James 1

Therefore do not deceive
yourself! Of all deceivers
fear most yourself!

Soren Kierkegaard

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