

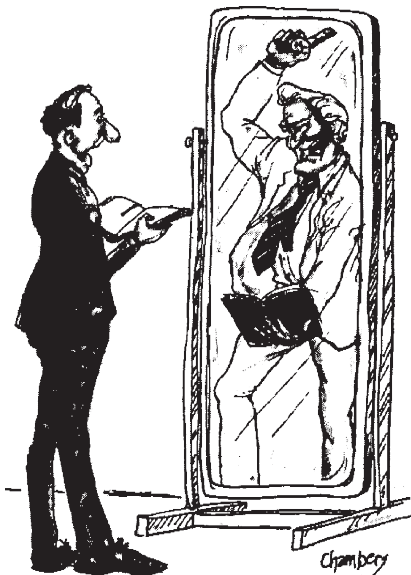
## James 1:21–27



21 So put away all filth and evil excess and humbly welcome the message implanted within you, which is able to save your souls.

22 But be sure you live out the message and do not merely listen to it and so deceive yourselves.

23 For if someone merely listens to the message and does not live it out, he is like someone who gazes at his own face in a mirror. 24 For he gazes at himself and then goes out and immediately forgets what sort of person he was. 25 But the one who peers into the perfect law of liberty and fixes his attention there, and does not become a forgetful listener but one who lives it out—he will be blessed in what he does. 26 If someone thinks he is religious yet does not bridle his tongue, and so deceives his heart, his religion is futile. 27 Pure and undefiled religion before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their misfortune and to keep oneself unstained by the world.



# Receiving The Word

1. How is the word *implanted* (1:21)?
2. How can you deceive yourself (1:22)?
3. Why is a hearer like a man looking in a mirror (1:23)?
4. What is the “perfect law of liberty” (1:25)? Why?
5. Define *religion* (1:27) [Gr. *threskeia*].
6. Define *to care for* (1:27) [Gr. *episkeptomai*].
7. Who is to take care of orphans and widows (1:27)?
8. Define *unstained* (1:27) [Gr. *aspilos*].