



God's Word—A Matter of Life and Breath

Series: Book of James, #3

James 1:19-27

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Theme: **God's Word energizes your faith.**

A picture of worthless faith.

1. Self-deception of knowing without doing. (19-22, 26)
2. Carelessness of seeing without remembering. (23-24)

A picture of Word-energized faith.

1. Receiving God's Word humbly. (21)
2. Studying God's Word intently. (25)
3. Living God's Word effectively. (19-22, 25, 27)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. Test your faith. You know that the Word of God is important. Do you really believe it and not deceive yourself by learning and then living the Word of God? Evaluate yourself with respect to self-deception and the value of faith by verses 19-20 and 26.

Tuesday. One of the key foundations for an energized and growing faith is making the correct response to sin (verse 21). Even a *fence-straddling* attitude saps life, joy and vitality. Identify what you can of “all that remains of wickedness” in you, and decide with God to put it aside. Record your descriptions and decisions. Keep this record and review it daily over the next two weeks.

Wednesday. Valuable faith humbly receives and intently studies God’s Word. While we may excuse ourselves from doing this (self-deception), that doesn’t change this reality. No, we are not talking about legalistic standards, but a dynamic process. If you are not where you should be in taking in God’s Word, why is that so? What decisions will you make today? What will you begin to put positive action into practice?

Thursday. Valuable faith lives out the truth received and known. Read verses 22-24. Memorize these brief verses and apply them to *yourself* practically, specifically.

Friday – Saturday. Advent begins on Sunday. We plan to think about *Jesus is the Breath of Life*. We will return to the book of James after Christmas.