



**GOD'S WORD -
A SEED AND A MIRROR**
James 1:19-27

God's Word - Two Important Analogies:

1) It's a _____ - _____ *It!*

- with _____.

"...be quick to hear...." (v. 19)

- with _____.

"...slow to speak...." (v. 19)

- with _____.

"...slow to anger, for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God." (v. 19, 20)

- with _____.

"...putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, receive the word implanted...." (v. 21)

"Break up your fallow ground...." (Hosea 10:12)

"...Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God...the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance." (Luke 8:11)

"And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty and some thirty." (Matt. 13:23)

2) It's a _____ - _____ *to It!*

"But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves." (v. 22)

- Recognize what _____ to _____.

"...he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror..." (v. 23)

- Make it a _____ and _____.

"...for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was." (v. 24)

- Experience the _____ of _____.

"But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does." ((v. 25)

"Therefore, everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock...." (Matt. 7:24-27, see also John 13:17)

- Don't think that trying to be _____ is the same as _____.

- Consider the _____ you _____.

"If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is worthless." (v. 26)

- Consider the way you _____ in need.

"Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress." (v. 27a)

- Consider the _____ of your _____.

"...and to keep oneself unstained by the world." (v. 27b)