

TRUE RELIGION

JAMES 1:19-27

We don't have to know it all, to do something.

A Blessed Life = experience _____

How To Live a Life That God Blesses:

1. Receive the Word humbly. _____

What happens when the bible tells me what to do and I disagree?

- _____ before God.

2. Put the Word _____

Knowledge alone doesn't make us mature.

1. _____ is proof that I know and love God.
2. _____ to experience God's blessings

Three quick but significant examples of True Religion:

- ♦ Controlling _____
- ♦ A _____
- ♦ Spiritual _____

Small Group Guide

As you think back on this week's sermon, what was one principle or idea that you found clarifying, challenging or confusing?

What makes it hard to be quick to listen? How is being slow to speak different than not being willing to speak?

We all struggle at times with disliking or flat out disagreeing with what the Bible has to say about something. How have you responded when this has happened to you?

What practical steps can you take before listening to or reading God's Word to make sure you receive it with humility?

Hebrews 5:11-14 talks about the importance of moving to maturity in our faith by moving from "milk" to "solid food." This is often thought to mean that the key to growth is to get into serious Bible study. As you go back and read this passage, what is it really saying about what it takes to get the "solid food"? How does your answer tie in with this week's message?

As we grow in our spiritual life, God will continue to reveal new levels of what it means to follow Him and new issues that need to be dealt with before moving on. Can you think of any specific issues in your life that you've come to see differently as you've moved further along in your journey with the Lord?

Is there any issue of disobedience (*something you clearly know is not right in your walk with God*) that needs to be cleaned up before you can move on in your spiritual growth?

In a real sense verse 27 is a call to action. What are some practical ways you, your group, or our church, can develop more social concern and "look after" the kinds of people James is talking about here in Laramie?