



James 1:16-17 (Key Verses) 16 **Don't be deceived**, my dear brothers and sisters.
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Polluted Christianity

1. **Forgiveness** without repentance.
2. **Spirituality** without the Holy Spirit.
3. **Heaven** without Hell.
4. **Salvation** without Jesus.
5. **Righteousness** apart from God.

James 1:19-20

“Obstacles to Righteousness”

1. **There is a list:** The double minded person, riches, poverty, temptation, evil, and immoral choices are only a few.
2. **Anger:** Being controlled by your emotions instead of by the Spirit is a huge obstacle to a righteous life.
3. **Not knowing or connecting with** what “God desires” are will keep you from true righteousness.

James 1:21-22

“Self-Deception”

1. **V:8 The unstable person** is deceived by their duplicity.
2. **V:9-11 Deception about** our life's position.
3. **V:14-16 Deceived about** our own temptations.
4. **V:21-22 Deceived about** the immoral and evil influences in our lives.

James 1:23-25

Law & Freedom

1. **They complement** each other.
2. **Freedom embraces** the path law provides for true liberty.
3. **Laws that restrict** a path to wholesome freedom can develop into tyranny.
4. **Freedom with no law** is anarchy.

Matthew 5:17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them **but to fulfill them.**

Isaiah 33:22

22 For the LORD is **our judge**,
the LORD is **our lawgiver**,
the LORD is **our king**;
he will save us.

James 1:26-27

The Test of True Worship

1. **V:26 The test of the tongue** and is this possibly the source of self-deception?
2. **V:27 Religion (Worship) is measure by relationships.** The level of compassion to the least of these. I.E. widows & orphans.
3. **Keeping yourself from being polluted** by the world. How?
4. **The World vs. the Kingdom.** James is teaching us on Kingdom resources. Yet, we look to worldly resources often before we look to God.
5. **When we look for generosity from some source** other than God. Pollution or deception about the true source of every good & perfect gift is possible.
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