

# GET REAL

## *"Quit Kidding Yourself"*

### James 1:19-27 (Pew Bible Page 854)

*"Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."*  
James 1:22

*The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?"*  
Jeremiah 17:9

### Get Real: Quit Kidding Yourself About God's Word

#### #1 **RECEIVE** the Word of God

*"...humbly accept the word planted in you..."* James 1:21

Mark 4: The Parable of the Sower, the Seed and the Soils

*"Consequently, faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God."* Romans 10:17

Quit kidding yourself:

**ONLY HEARING** the Word is not receiving the Word

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#### #2 **PRACTICE DOING** the Word of God

*"Do what it says."* James 1:22

The Word of God is like a mirror used to examine yourself

*"...a man who looks at his face in a mirror and looking at himself..."* James 1:23

\* Some take only a **CASUAL LOOK**

*"...after looking at himself, goes away..."* James 1:24

\* Some have a **SHORT MEMORY**

*"...immediately forgets what he looks like..."* James 1:24

\* Some will practice **DOING THE WORD**

*"But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does."* James 1:25

Quit kidding yourself:

You are not more spiritual by **JUST HEARING** the Word.

*"Search me O God and know my heart, try me and know my thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."* Psalm 139:23-24

#3 **SHARE** the Word

*"If anyone considers himself religious..."* James 1:26

\* Through your **SPEECH**

*"Keep a tight reign on his tongue..."* James 1:26

\* Through your **SERVICE**

*"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows..."* James 1:27

\* Through your **SEPARATION**

*"...refusing to let the world corrupt you..."* James 1:27

Quit kidding yourself:

You only believe the part of the Bible you **FOLLOW**