



The Book of James
Lesson 5: Pure Religion: James 1:26, 27

1. Definitions

Definition of RELIGION: _____

This is speaking about an _____ demonstration of an _____ reality.

“Religion” used here is speaking about your behavior as a Christian.

Definition of PURE:

- Free from everything that is false
- _____
- Genuine

Why do we reach out to others and help them? Are we just doing our “religious duty”? Are we reaching out because we really want to?

According to this text, pure and undefiled religion includes the following things:

- Control over your tongue
- _____
- Purity in your lifestyle

We do all of these things because we have a desire to serve God and see others saved.

2. Control over your tongue. (This will be dealt with in a later lesson.)

3. Taking care of the physical needs of people

This is a vital part of being a Christian.

Matthew 22:34-40

This is a great spiritual combination – Loving _____ and loving our _____

Who is my neighbor?

Answer #1: _____

1 John 3:16-18

This tells us that love is an action! We are not supposed to love with our words.

James 2:15, 16

Answer #2: _____

Luke 6:31-35

How far am I supposed to go in serving my fellow man?

Answer: _____

Psalm 82:3, 4

Proverbs 31:8, 9

Deuteronomy 14:28, 29

Deuteronomy 10:17-19

Definition of VISIT:

- _____
- To go see
- _____

We are supposed to deliberately seek out those in need and relieve their distress.

Isaiah 58:6-10

Religious (traditional) deeds do not please God.

4. Purity in your lifestyle

_____ attracts the anointing.

Hebrews 1:8, 9

Jesus was anointed because He lived holy.

Holiness is not legalism. When you are truly born again you have a desire to do the right thing.

Jeremiah 31:33