

Faith That Works! (Series on the book of James)

5: The Danger of Self-Deception

James 1:22-27

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Bottom Line:

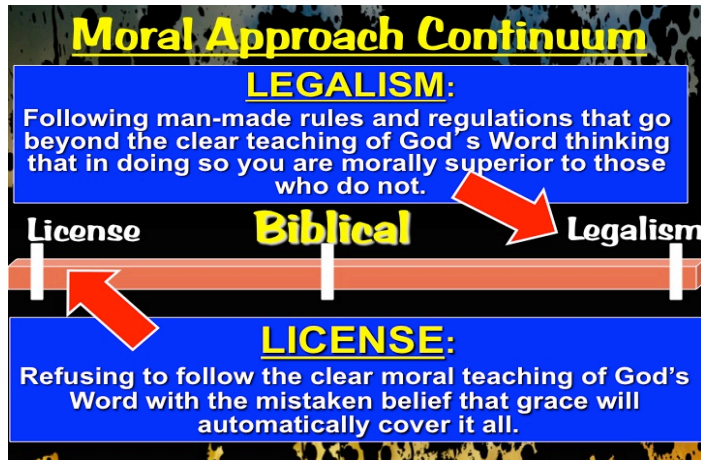
Deceiving ourselves into either outright disobedience or a half-hearted obedience is as old as time itself. We need to destroy self-deception in our lives.

1. Hearing but not _____ is self-deception.
James 1:22-25

You are called to:

A. Look _____ at yourself. v. 23

B. Use the “_____” of God’s Word. v. 23-25



C. _____ through the process of change. v. 26

2. Avoiding practical, life-style _____ is self-deception. James 1:26-27

An authentic relationship with God includes:

A. Controlling our _____ . v. 26

B. Helping the _____ . v. 27

C. Keeping ourselves “_____.” v. 27

Now What?

- Be a faithful hearer of the Word of God.
- Seek to be _____ at all times.
“How then should I change?”
- Be especially sensitive to the “heart- indicators” (in your speech and your heart for the needy).
- Seek ways in which you can use your _____ abilities to make a practical difference in the kingdom of God.