

Question for personal study of James 1:26-2:13

1. Why is the word religion viewed so negatively among some Christians? How does James use the word?
2. How can you set an example for other followers of Christ by your speech and conversation? What bad habits of speech do you need to repent of?
3. What's the danger of separating personal holiness from compassion for those in need? Which one of these do you find yourself ignoring?
4. What has your attitude been toward those in need? What are some practical steps you could take to begin to care for those around you?
5. What are some ways you have shown favoritism, even unintentionally, to those in your circle of influence? How have you seen favoritism practiced in your church?
6. How should Christ's judgment on the last day affect your words and actions today? Does this contradict God's grace? How would you explain your answer.
7. Why does showing mercy depend on receiving mercy, and how does the message of the gospel fit into this?
8. How does care for the poor in our communities and around the world affect our gospel witness?