

MAN IN THE MIRROR

James 1:22-25 // September 7, 2025 PM

We are self-deceived if the Bible we claim to believe isn't working itself out in our lives.

I. *Hearing the word is not enough* (vv. 22-24).

II. *Heeding the word is a must* (vv. 22, 25).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What is self-deception?
2. How can God's word be a tool of self-deception? Can you give specific examples?
3. Why is it not enough to merely hear the word?
4. James uses the illustration of a man in a mirror to describe the one who hears but doesn't do the word? What is the point of the illustration?
5. What does it mean to persevere in our looking into God's word?
6. How does our looking into God's word entail both meditation and self-examination?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Has the word of God been convicting me lately, but I have failed to act on that conviction in repentance and faith?
2. How can biblical preaching actually lead to self-deception? How can I know I am not self-deceived?
3. Meditate on Matthew 7:24-27. How does James' teaching reflect the teaching of Jesus?