



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Lesson 3

James 1:19-27 Scripture Handout

New Revised Standard Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
 2. What does this verse mean to me?
- Discuss your answers with the class.

(James 1:19) You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger;

(James 1:20) for your anger does not produce God's righteousness.

(James 1:21) Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

(James 1:22) But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.

(James 1:23) For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror;

(James 1:24) for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like.

(James 1:25) But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

(James 1:26) If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless.

(James 1:27) Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Write out the verse or verses you have been assigned below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Personal Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?