July 6th –12th
Lesson 4: James 1:19b–27

THE LIFE-GIVING WORD

1. Read James 1:19–27. Using these verses, make a list of the positive things we are to do and the negative things we are to reject or stop doing:

Positive:	Negative:

2. What keeps you from being quick to listen? How do talkativeness and a quick temper hinder someone from listening?

3. What can human anger never accomplish? (verse 20) What is often wrong with our anger? (See also Matthew 5:21–24; 38–48; 6:14–15; 7:1–5.)

4. Write in your own words what James says about the Word in verses 18, 21–22. Who do we meet when we read the Bible? (John 1:14–18)

5. Listening to the Word is only the first step. What happens if we don't act on what we hear? (verses 23–24)

6. What does God promise to those who remember and do what they have heard? (verse 25)

7. How does James describe a truly religious person? (verses 26–27)

8. How is it possible to keep a tight reign on your tongue? What resources does God provide which would help you?

9. Why would you say the care for orphans and widows is a mark of genuine faith? What are some practical ways you can care for the widows and orphans in your life?

10. What does it mean to "keep oneself from being polluted by the world"? (verse 27) List some practical steps you can take to do this.(1 John 2:15–17)

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