

Today's Theme

HIS Mirror My Mirror “My Life Reflecting Jesus”

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James 1:19-27

1. We reflect Jesus when we're good Listeners

James 1:19 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear,

Luke 2:43-46 ESV - 43 And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, 44 but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, 45 and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. 46 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.

2. We reflect Jesus when we're thoughtful with our words.

James 19 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be slow to speak,

Psalms 19:14 ESV - Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

3. We reflect Jesus when we manage angry thoughts and feelings.

James 19 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be slow to anger; 20 for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

Numbers 14:18 ESV - 'The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression, but he will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, to the third and the fourth generation.'

4. We reflect Jesus when we recognize our powerlessness, and surrender to him and his message.

James 1:21 Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

5. We reflect Jesus when we live our lives according to his message.

James 1:22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. 24 For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. 25 But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

6. We reflect Jesus when our actions speak louder than our words.

James 1:26 If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. 27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.