

## SHUT IT AND LIVE IT!

James 1:19-25

- Humbly accept the Word.
- Humble acceptance requires doing the Word
- Four ways in which the Word must be lived:
  - a. Controlling the tongue
  - b. Caring for widows and orphans
  - c. Remaining unstained from the world
  - d. Refraining from wealth-based partiality
- Faith (accepting the Word) and works (doing the Word) are inseparable.

### Two Commands (19-25)

#### 1. Shut your \_\_\_\_\_.

*Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger. (19-20)*

- Proverbs 17:28 -
- Proverbs 10:19 -
- Proverbs 11:11-12 -
- Proverbs 13:3 -
- Proverbs 17:27 -

Anger is not pure emotion, but it is usually impregnated with sin – self-importance, self-assertion, stubbornness, and intolerance.

#### Why?

*"righteousness of God" =*

#### 2. Live the \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. Command
- b. Comparison

Man with a mirror (23-24)	Believer with the Word (25)
_____	looks into
_____ goes away	_____
_____	acts

- c. Result

#### *What is the deception?*

The idea of “deceive” in these contexts is clear: to be “deceived” is to be blinded to the reality of one’s religious state. People can think that they are right with God when they really are not. And so it is for those people who “hear” the word – regular church attenders, seminary students, and even seminary professors – but do not “do” it. They are mistaken in thinking that they are truly right with God. For God’s word cannot be divided into parts. If one wants the benefits of its saving power, one must also embrace it as a guide for life. The person who fails to do the word, James therefore suggests, is a person who has not truly accepted God’s word at all.

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#### *Who at North Hills are these commands for?*

1. The recovering legalist
2. The faithful attendee