**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. **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. James 1:22-27

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**14**What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? **15**If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, **16**and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? **17**So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. James 2:14-17

**(Test #2) Purity of speech**

**6**And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. **7**For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, **8**but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. **9**With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. **10**From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. (James 3:6-10)

**(Test #3) An unstained life**

**1** What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? **2**You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask.**3**You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. **4**You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. James 4:1-4

**5**Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? **6**But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives (what?) grace to the humble.”  James 4:5-6

By the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. 1 Corinthians 15:10