

Sermon Reflection Questions

"Worthwhile Religion" (James 1:19-27)

Verses 19-21: Seneca of Rome once described anger in these words: "It is equally devoid of self-control, regardless of decorum, forgetful of kinship, obstinately engrossed in whatever it begins to do, deaf to reason and advice, excited by trifling causes, awkward at perceiving what is true and just, and very like a falling rock which breaks itself to pieces upon the very thing which it crushes." How can we trust Christ, who forgives our sins of anger, and practically work out a way to avoid this passionate vice?

Verses 22-25: How does a better understanding of God's Law and grace lead us to becoming a "doer of the Word?"

Verse 26: How does an untamed tongue, together with untamed anger, lead us away from Christ?

Verse 27: What opportunities do I have to serve orphans and widows, and how does this reflect the love Christ has already shown me?