**Authentic** *(Series Graphic)*

**The Perfect Mirror**

(James 1:19-20) *\*\*page 825\*\**

“My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be **quick to listen**, **slow to speak** and **slow to become angry**, because human anger **does not produce** the righteousness that God desires.”

(Ecclesiastes 7:9)

"Do not be quickly provoked in your spirit, for anger resides in the **lap** of fools."

(James 1:21-22)

Therefore, **get rid** of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly **accept the word** planted in you, which can save you. Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. **Do what it says**.”

 **Action** over profession. **Deeds** over creeds.

(James 1:23-25)

“Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in the mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately **forgets** what he looks like. But whoever looks **intently** into the perfect law that give freedom, and continues in it—**not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it**—they will be blessed in what they do.”

 The Word of God is the **perfect mirror**.

(James 1:26-27)

“Those who consider themselves religious and yet **do not keep a tight rein on their tongues** deceive themselves, and their **religion is worthless**. Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after **orphans** and **widows** in their distress and to keep oneself from being **polluted** by the world.”

**A look into the Perfect Mirror:**

*(First steps of authentic living)*

* Pay attention to those around you and listen.
* Don’t speak everything you’re thinking, maturity speaks when there is something to say.
* Curbing your anger is an urgent matter.
* Align your life to the teachings of Scripture.
* Watch your mouth.
* Serve others.