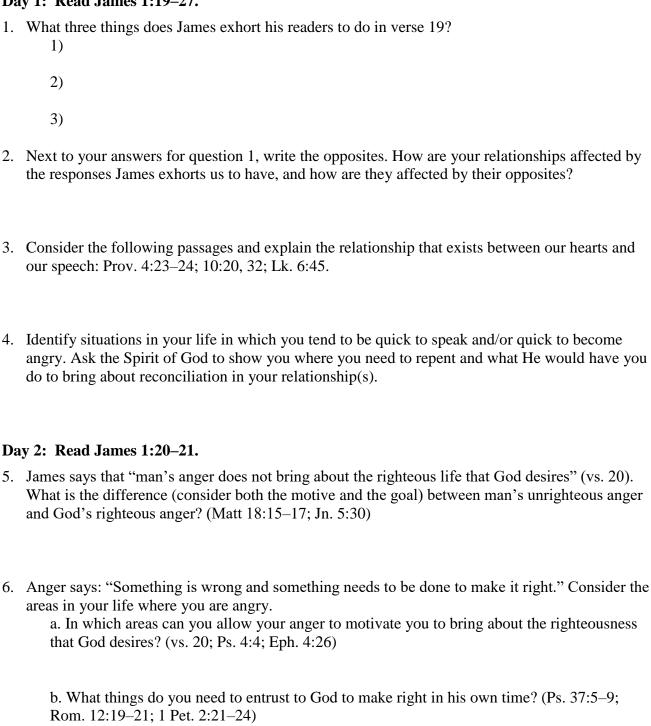
TO LIVE IS CHRIST

Listening and Doing James 1:19-27

"Do not merely listen to the word.... Do what it says." James 1:22

Day 1:	Read	James 1	1:19–27.
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7. What does it mean practically to "humbly accept the word planted in you" (vs. 21)?

Day 3: Read James 1:22–25.

8.	Why is it so important that we be "doers" of the word and not just "hearers"? (vs. 22; 2:17; Matt. 5:16; 1 Tim. 6:18–19)
9.	How is the law (God's Word) like a mirror? (Rom. 3:20; 7:7; Heb. 4:12)
10.	In Romans 3:21–22, 28 Paul clearly teaches that our faith in Christ (not our works) is the means of justification—i.e., being made right with God. If Jesus came to free us from the law, why does James tell us we have to be "doers" of the law?
Da	y 4: Read James 1:25–26.
11.	James probably used the expression "perfect law" as a synonym for sacred scripture. How did Jesus summarize the whole law? (Matt. 22:36–40) How did Paul? (Gal. 5:14)
12.	What do you think it means to "look intently" at the perfect law? How do we do this practically?
13.	What are some of the results of not keeping a tight rein on one's tongue? Consider the following verses, as well as your own experience: Prov. 10:19; 12:18; 13:3; 18:6–7.
Da	y 5: Read James 1:27.
14.	What two things does God accept as pure and faultless religious acts?
15.	What is God's attitude toward widows and orphans? (Ps. 68:5; 146:9; Is. 54: 4–5; Jer. 49:11) How has God modeled his love for widows and orphans in his relationship with us?
16.	What practical things can you do to keep yourself from being "polluted by the world" (vs. 27)? (Rom. 12:1–2; Phil 4:8; Col. 3:1–2; Heb. 12:1–2; James 1:21)