

**Victory Connect Lesson**  
**"The Man in the Mirror"**  
**Pastor Paul Daugherty**  
**April 14, 2024**

**Key Passage:** Jas 1:23-24 NKJV - 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; 24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.

**Introduction:** The Word of God is designed to change our lives. It is called "the perfect law of liberty." It can show us who we really are, and it will point out areas of our lives that need to be cleansed or adjusted.

**How to deal with The Man in the Mirror**

**1. Look long enough to see what is going on in you.**

Jas 1:25 NKJV – 25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and **continues** [in it], and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

**2. Recognize areas in your life that need to be changed.**

(Don't blame God or your parents or others.) Psa 26:2 NKJV - 2 Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; Try my mind and my heart.

**3. Take responsibility to apply God's Word to your life.**

Deu 30:19 NKJV - 19 "I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, [that] I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live;

**4. Watch your mouth.** Jas 1:19 NKJV - 19 So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; Bridle your tongue. (1:26)

**5. Show love in word and action to the vulnerable.**

Jas 1:27 NKJV - 27 Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, [and] to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

**6. Live with a lot of mercy.** Mat 5:7 NKJV - 7 Blessed [are] the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Is your life reflecting what God is asking you to do?
2. How do you treat the poor and needy?
3. Share a time you made an adjustment in your life because of what you saw in the Word.

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