

Words from a Brother

Seeing Clearly, Living Freely

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James 1:16-27 (NIV84)

16 Don't be deceived, my dear brothers. 17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. 18 He chose to give us birth through the word of truth that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created. 19 My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, 20 for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. 21 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. 22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. 23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. 25 But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does. 26 If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless. 27 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.

Many people who believe they have an anger problem have a mouth problem.

Matthew 12:35

A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him.

Proverbs 4:23

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

If you discover Jesus while searching in the Word, you find your freedom. The more clearly you see Him, the more completely He frees you.

If you only discover your failures in the Word and fail to see Jesus, legalism will be the result.

Notes:

Church Announcements:

1. **New Friends Lunch TODAY**, for those who are new to LightHouse, an opportunity to have lunch with the Pastors and LightHouse Team Leaders at 12 Noon TODAY. This is a chance to learn more of what LightHouse is all about. The luncheon will be held in the Verge Building.
2. **Adults Small Groups, Wednesday Nights at 7 PM** in the Sanctuary, called ***Back to Basics: Staying Anchored in God***. It is a 4 week study based on the church's 16 fundamental truths.
3. **Guest Speaker Bob Hazlett** is coming to LightHouse to share a word from the Lord on Saturday, September 29th at 6PM and Sunday, September 30th at both our 8AM and 10AM services. Bob is a proven prophetic voice. His teaching and prophetic ministry has been featured on GodTV, TBN, Daystar and Bethel TV. Bob Hazlett is a friend to leaders and a sought-after speaker and author. Strong healing and prophetic gifts follow his ministry. Bob has a passion to empower people in the spiritual gifts in order to fulfill their life purpose. He has traveled extensively throughout the United States and Internationally.