

LIFE APPS - PART 1: SHORT FOR APPLICATION

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Sometimes we hear parameters about how life can be better and we can be better at life and conclude they are narrow and restrictive designed to suck all the fun out of life (and sometimes we can get good at not really listening at all). When we see them as restrictive, we miss the freedom that comes from living a life fully aligned with God's intentions. We deceive ourselves when we merely listen and do not apply what God says to the direction and decisions of life.

READ JAMES 1:22-25

- Why are we so offended when people who have no right/responsibility to set rules for us try to do so?
- Why are we so offended when people judge us according to standards and expectations that don't apply to us?
- Why might people who are not followers of Jesus be so put off by followers of Jesus who judge them by a set of rules that don't apply to them?
- What are some ways we deceive ourselves when we only listen to and not do what God desires?
- Why don't we get full credit just for listening to what God says? What are some ways we show we don't really always listen very well?
- What type of image do we see in a mirror? What good is it to see the image in the mirror and walk away to be someone different than the person in the mirror?
- What does it mean to "look intently" and continually?
- Do you tend to see rules and parameters as more restrictive than freeing? Why do you say that and how does it impact the way you approach life?
- What are some ways you would say continuing to look intently and doing what God desires leads to a blessed life?
- What next step will you take to look intently into the areas of your life that you need to listen AND do?

SOMETHING'S MISSING MINUS APPLICATION