



"The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is within you."

Luke 17:20-21 (NIV)

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"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field ... Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls."

Matthew 13:44-46 (NIV)

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**For the kingdom of God is not a matter
of eating and drinking, but of
righteousness, peace and joy in the
Holy Spirit ...**

Romans 14:17-18 (NIV)

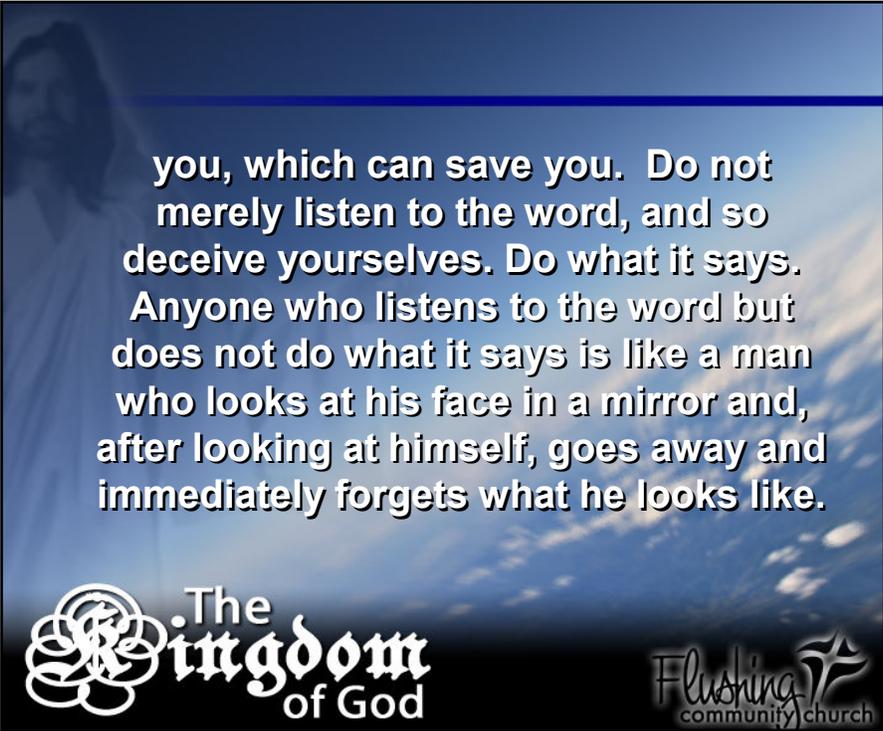
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**“My dear brothers, take note of this:
Everyone should be quick to listen,
slow to speak and slow to become
angry, for man's anger does not bring
about the righteous life that God
desires. Therefore, get rid of all moral
filth and the evil that is so prevalent
and humbly accept the word planted in**

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you, which can save you. Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. 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 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

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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.

If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his

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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.

James 1:19-27 (NIV)

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Anyone who sets himself up as "religious" by talking a good game is self-deceived. This kind of religion is hot air and only hot air. Real religion, the kind that passes muster before God the Father, is this: Reach out to the homeless and loveless in their plight, and guard against corruption from the godless world.

James 1:26-27 (Message)

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“God's Way is not a matter of mere talk; it's an empowered life.”
1 Corinthians 4:20 (The Message)

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