



"When you stand before the Word of God, you are not merely encountering a concept; you are standing face to face with God. Your response to Him will be radically different from standing before a book. The moment you choose to read His Word, you choose to come into His presence, face to face."

Henry & Tom Blackaby

To Keep From Self-Deception, We Must...

➤ _____ The Word!

"¹⁹My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, ²⁰because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. ²¹Therefore, 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. ²²Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."

James 1:19-22

- Quick to listen (verse 19)

- _____ to speak (verse 19)
- Slow to _____ (verses 19-20)

"People with understanding control their anger; a hot temper shows great foolishness."

Proverbs 14:29 (NLT)

"Anger is like a homemade bomb strapped around one's waist. Whoever detonates the bomb becomes a suicide bomber. They not only injure anyone in the near vicinity, but they go up as well. Anger destroys their reputation, devastates friendships and, worst of all amputates their potential."

Wayne Cordeiro

➤ _____ The Word!

"²³Anyone who listens to the Word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do."

James 1:23-25

Reference: Psalm 139:23-24

➤ _____ The Word!

"²⁶Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their 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."

James 1:26-27