

Title: Living in 3D
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Next three weeks... living in 3D...

Book of James - background: A book of action. 50 imperatives in the 108 verses. **Primary theme:** living out ones faith.

Hearing the word

James 1:19–20 (ESV) ¹⁹ *Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger;* ²⁰ *for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.*

How is your hearing?

- Careless reading – glance into the word, instead of gazing into it.
- Resistance to the Word – quick to speak, instead of listening.

James 1:21 (NLT) ²¹ *So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls.*

- **The heart of man is like a garden.** Left to itself it will produce lots of weeds.
- The word is like a seed planted in the heart.

The Word of God demands a response

James 1:22 - 25 ²² *But don't just listen to God's word. **You must do what it says.** Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.* ²³ *For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror.* ²⁴ *You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like.* ²⁵ *But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.*

The Word leads to Blessing

The Word is a mirror.

The Word sets you free

Living with “no regrets”