

A Season to Be...

James 1:12-27

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A Unique Season Series

Reflect

Outline: Recap

Realize

Points to Ponder

Respond

Questions to draw out understanding.

REFLECT

As a husband of almost 19 years, I find lists from my wife extremely helpful. I sometimes wish everything had a comprehensive list of to-dos to help me stay focused and on task. Often, I find myself searching the scriptures for a list of steps to take to follow after Jesus. While Jesus calls us deeper into a more relational approach, His younger half-brother, James, provides us with a helpful inventory of behaviors and actions that are pleasing and acceptable to God in any season of life.

REALIZE

1. Be Blessed

- **Scripture Reference:** James 1:12-27, James 1:12-15, 1 Corinthians 10:13, 1 John 2:15-17
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - Being blessed means walking in God's will for your life and reaping the benefits. Whose good and biblically sound advice are you currently ignoring? Why?

2. Don't Be Deceived

- **Scripture Reference:** James 1:12-27, James 1:16-20
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - Have you ever been deceived? How did that make you feel? How did you show a lack of wisdom and discernment in that situation? How have you grown in knowledge and discernment since then?

3. Be Doers of the Word

- **Scripture Reference:** James 1:12-27, James 1:21-27
- **Questions for Reflection**
 - Why is "doing" for God more straightforward than simply "being" with Him? Who is God calling you to be in this season?

Optional Follow-up Questions:

- What makes you say that?
- How do you feel about that?
- How would you explain your answer to a non-Christian friend or neighbor?
- Why did God design it to work that way? Why not just do (whatever else) instead?
- What would you say to someone who disagrees with that?
- Why do we really have to do it like that? Why can't we just go (some other route) instead?