

FAMILY LESSONS ON
THE MIRROR OF TRUTH

Based on James 1:23-24

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LESSON #2

MESSED UP HAIR

**“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.”**

James 1:23-24 (NIV84)

Do you ever have hair problems when you wake up in the morning? Many people do. I don't have much hair on the top of my head anymore, but even I have hair problems in the morning. I get little "rooster tails" on the side of my head where it rests against the pillow. When I look at the mirror on the wall, it tells me the truth about what I look like on the outside. It says to me, "Hey, your hair is messed up." So I take a comb and some water and do something about it. Imagine if I said to the mirror one morning, "I don't think you're telling me the truth about myself. I don't think I really look like that. I think you're talking about someone else. I'm just going to go to school the way I am." Don't you think that would be a problem? Of course it would. I would walk through the hallways at school as though there was no problem. But everyone would be thinking, "Look at Mr. Danish! His hair is sticking out! He must not have looked in the mirror this morning." But the truth would be that I did look in the mirror. I just didn't believe what the mirror told me and didn't do anything about it.

The Apostle James said that when we hear God's Word but don't do what it says, it's just like someone who sees his reflection in a mirror, but walks away and forgets what the mirror said to him. People often ignore what the Bible says about their heart because they don't believe the Mirror of Truth, or they don't think what it says is important, or they think no one else can see the problem since it is in their heart. What do you think?

What did James say about people who are "hearers" of the word, but not "doers" (James 1:22)? How do they deceive themselves?

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