

DOER OF THE WORD

JAMES 1:26-27

RELATION TO SELF	RELATION TO OTHERS	RELATION TO THE WORLD
<p><i>The Tongue*</i> (v.26) (Heart-Inventory)</p>	<p><i>Orphans & Widows*</i> (v.27) (Love for Others)</p>	<p><i>Worldliness</i> (v.27) (World's Influence)</p>
<p>IS THERE A HABITUAL PATTERN TO MY SPEECH THAT DISHONORS GOD?</p> <p>Are you a fountain of sweet or bitter water (Ja.3:11)?</p> <p>Sometimes my mouth says things that it should not say!</p>	<p>IS THERE AN ABSENCE OF LOVING COMPASSION IN MY HEART TOWARD THOSE IN NEED?</p> <p>Is the desire of your heart to meet the needs of others?</p> <p>Sometimes I know there are people around me with need, but I do not demonstrate compassion!</p>	<p>IS THERE A STRONG DESIRE IN MY HEART TO HAVE THE THINGS OF THIS WORLD?</p> <p>Do I want to get as much of the world I can get (Ja.4:4)?</p> <p>Sometimes I get hooked on the world's things and philosophy!</p>

WHAT IS YOUR RESPONSE?

“I want more of this!” — Indicates an unregenerate heart
“I hate that in me!” — Indicates a regenerate heart

* The tongue is representative of the heart. Orphan & widow helping is representative of love. These are not comprehensive indicators of the heart and love, but are instructive examples. Other examples could be added. Saying the right words, and helping the needy is not all God desires from us. He desires our heart (**Pr.16:2; 1Sm.16:7**).