

Ice Breaker: Have you ever made chocolate chip cookies?

The Book of James – Week 9
TRUE RELIGION | James 1:22-27

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²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵ But 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. ²⁶ Those 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.

1. True Religion is faithful & FRUITFUL **Matthew 25:29**
2. True Religion fosters REPENTANCE **Isaiah 6:5**
3. True Religion finds freedom within God's BOUNDARIES **1 John 5:35**
4. True Religion embraces the CROSS before the CROWN
Mark 8:34
5. True Religion is HELPFUL & HOLY
Matthew 25:40

Matthew 22:37-40

³⁷ Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."