

Promise of Freedom James 1:19-27

1. Power to _____ your soul.

James 1:19-21 "My dear brothers and sisters, be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. Your anger can never make things right in God's sight. So get rid of all filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the message God has planted in your hearts, for it is strong enough to save your souls."

2. The law that gives _____.

James 1:22-25 "And remember, it is a message to obey, not just to listen to. If you don't obey, you are only fooling yourself. For if you just listen and don't obey, it is like looking at your face in a mirror but doing nothing to improve your appearance. You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. But if you keep looking steadily into God's perfect law-the 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."

3. Greatness is measured by how we _____.

James 1:26-27 "If you claim to be religious but don't control your tongue, you are just fooling yourself, and your religion is worthless. Pure and lasting religion in the sight of God our Father means that we must care for orphans and widows in their troubles, and refuse to let the world corrupt us."

Walking Points...

- Pick up trash with a group of friends on the beach.
- Bring flowers to a local school office.
- Invite someone who has no family nearby to dinner.
- Refuse to gossip and choose to build up others.
- When visiting a hospital, spend a few minutes with someone who has no visitors.
- Invite someone who doesn't have a washer or dryer to do their laundry at your home.
- Make a sack lunch for someone in the homeless community.
- Give up television, video games, or any media for a week.
- Turn your worries into prayers

Talking Points...

- Where do you sense God is testing you now?
- What is God asking you to give up?
- How do we engage without falling prey to the temptations of the world?
- When people talk to you, do they feel that their viewpoints and ideas have value?
- How seriously do people take you when you tell them something? Does your life back up what you say?
- What prevents you from putting the teachings of Jesus into action?