



**Professing Jesus as Lord  
with our mouths, but not  
humbly **surrendering** and  
**submitting** ourselves to  
His Lordship is crazy**



**James 1:19-25**

**James 1:26-27**



**If you think you're  
religious but live with an  
uncontrolled tongue, your  
religion is worthless**





# ACCEPTABLE RELIGION

# James 1:26

**“Religious” = one who  
fears God and desires  
to worship Him**



**In this passage, James  
gives us 3 qualities that  
should be visible in the lives  
of ALL authentic followers  
of Jesus Christ**



# I. WHAT WE COMMUNICATE MATTERS

**“Bridle” = what the person  
on horseback uses to  
lead, direct and guide  
the horse**





**Luke 6:45**

**If our speech is NOT  
guarded (under **full** control)  
then it indicates a  
concerning **disconnect****

**James 3:7-12**



**ALL** of our communication  
needs to be under control...  
(if we're **NOT** controlling  
our tongues, we are  
**deceiving** ourselves)



**II. HOW WE SACRIFICIALLY  
LOVE THOSE WHO ARE  
VULNERABLE**

**James 1:27**



**True, genuine, authentic  
religion (based on Christ)  
is one that cares for  
other people**



**Followers of Christ  
went out of their way to NOT just  
meet the needs of their own  
vulnerable and needy, they  
actually sought to actively meet  
the needs of any and ALL  
vulnerable and needy**



**“Visit” = move to; step  
toward; to get involved with**



**This verse is saying believers  
need to **move toward** and  
get involved with those who  
are vulnerable and needy**

**James 1:27**



# III. HOW DO WE REMAIN HOLY WHILE WE MINISTER TO OTHERS

Holiness (or separation from the world) is required as we are sent out into the world to share Jesus Christ

