



“The Real Thing”

James 1: 26-27

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1. Home Group Leaders: Please review with your group the reminders at the bottom.
2. What does it mean to describe someone as a person who “considers themselves religious”?
3. If someone listened to your conversations over the past week, what conclusions might they draw about your faith?
4. How can we make sure that we are caring for widows and orphans, both individually and as a church?
5. How does viewing "widows and orphans" as a broader category of vulnerable people expand our understanding of this command? How should this affect our response?
6. How can our group move beyond occasional acts of kindness toward consistent, relational care for vulnerable people?
7. James says that we have to keep ourselves “from being polluted by the world”? What values, attitudes, or priorities in our culture can subtly pull us away from God's ways?
8. Sometimes we can be active in ministry and service, yet we still allow worldly influences to shape our hearts. How have you experienced this? How did you deal with it?

Now What?: What is one specific area where God may be calling you to greater obedience based on this passage? What practical step will you take this week to:

- Guard your speech?
- Care for someone who is vulnerable or in need?
- Resist a worldly influence that is competing for your heart?
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Reminders:

- **Summer Studies and DK Summer Camp:** are underway! It’s not too late to join, Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8pm. There are 4 classes offered at Harpeth: “Conversational Evangelism,” “A Study of the Psalms,” “Marriage Communication,” and “Going Deeper in Prayer.”

DK Summer Camp will meet at the same time. Register for a class, and for Summer Camp (childcare), by scanning the QR code below!



- **VBS – “Solomon: the Wise Guy”**: VBS is almost here! VBS will take place at the church on Monday, July 13- Wednesday, July 15th. Scan the QR Code below to register your child, and to sign up to volunteer at VBS! Visit HarpethVBS.com :

