

*Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes*

**Sermon Notes for October 3-4, 1998**

**"Stop Kidding Yourself"**

**Dale Whitehead**

**James 1:19-27**

Response to the Word test (James 1:19-27)

A proper reception (James 1:19-21)

An active obedience (James 1:22-27)

The demand for active obedience (James 1:22-25)

The demand stated (James 1:22)

The demand portrayed (James 1:23-25)

The negative portrayal of the hearer (James 1:23-24).

The word "looks" (KATANOEO) is a strengthened form of the verb "to look" (NOEO). The strengthened form carries the additional idea of careful, cautious consideration of what is being looked at.

James' negative portrayal of the hearer communicates to us that it is not enough for us to think that simply hearing the word is sufficient. It needs to go farther.

The positive portrayal of the doer (James 1:25).

James uses an even stronger verb for "looking" here than in James 1:23. The word "looking intently" (PARAKUPTO) means to bend over and carefully examine something from the clearest possible vantage point.

"The perfect law" - James sees the scriptures as inerrant, sufficient, and comprehensive or in other words he sees them as the perfect authority (Psalm 19:7-9).

"Law of liberty" - James sees the scriptures as the power that sets us free from the bondage of sin and to righteous obedience (John 8:34-36).