QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time when you applied a spiritual truth to

 your life that resulted in greater spiritual maturity.

2. In what ways do you measure spiritual growth in your life?

3. Read the following passages and note what the Bible says about

 Spiritual maturity:

 a) I Corinthians 14:20

b) Ephesians 4:11-13

c) Philippians 1:6

d) Philippians 3:13-16

e) Colossians 1:28-29

f) Hebrews 5:14

g) Hebrews 6:1

4. Is anger a sin? Why or why not?

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week’s

 message? (*Share your decision with another person*.)

* I am going to make it a point to listen more and speak less.
* I am going to learn what it means to “actively listen.”
* I am going to memorize 1 Corinthians 14:20.

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James 1:19-27 Study Series #03

***Maturing in the Christian Life***

**I. Introduction**

 A. The Story of Jim Fixx

 (See Jeremiah 17:9; Obadiah 1:3)

 B. Stop Kidding Yourself!

 (See James 1:22; James 1:26; Matthew 7:21-23;

 Revelation 3:14-22)

**II. Maturing in the Christian Life**

 A. Quick to Hear

 (See James 1:19; Romans 15:15; I Corinthians 4:17;

 II Timothy 1:6, II Timothy 2:14; Titus 3:1; II Peter 1:12;

 Jude 1:5)

 B. Slow to Speak

 (See James 1:19; Proverbs 18:2; Ecclesiastes 5:2; Job 2:13;

 Proverbs 10:19; Proverbs 13:3; Proverbs 17:28;

 Proverbs 29:20)

 C. Slow to Anger

 (See James 1:19-20; II Kings 5:1-14; II Chronicles 16:1-14;

 Matthew 21:12-13; Mark 11:15-17; John 2:13-17;

 Proverbs 15:18; Proverbs 14:29; Proverbs 16:32)

 D. Ready to Receive

 (See James 1:21; Hosea 10:12; I John 1:9; Jeremiah 4:3)

 E. A Doer Not Just a Hearer

 (See James 1:22-25; Romans 2:13; Luke 11:28; James 2:14-26)

 F. Practical Application

 (See James 1:26-27; Mark 7:20-23; John 17:15)

**III. Conclusion**

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please contact the church office and the pastor will contact you.

**Passage of Study**

James 1:19-27

**19***This* you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak *and* slow to anger; **20**for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God.

**21**Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and *all* that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls.

**22**But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. **23**For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; **24**for *once* he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. **25**But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the *law* of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.

**26**If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his *own* heart, this man’s religion is worthless.

**27**Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of *our* God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, *and* to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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