



TALK ABOUT IT

1. What does the phrase "Talk is Cheap" mean to you? If talk is cheap, how are actions more expensive and costly?

READ ABOUT IT: Matthew 19:16-22, James 1:22-24, James 1:26-27, Luke 6:45, Romans 8:11

THINK ABOUT IT

2. **Read Matthew 19:16-22.** How serious was this young man about eternal life when he first met Jesus? What was his opinion of Jesus? What was his opinion of himself? What was the conversation going to cost him? Why was he unwilling to pay?
3. **Read James 1:22-24.** How often do you "listen" or "read" God's word? Does it change your actions in any way? How often do you look in the mirror when getting ready in the morning? When you see something that needs adjusting, do you fix it before leaving the house? How is this like looking into God's word?
4. **Read James 1:26 and Luke 6:45.** Has your tongue betrayed you lately? What is the source of a "bad mouth" and an uncontrollable tongue? Why does this make our religion worthless?
5. **Read James 1:27.** What is "pure religion" in God's eyes? Why do these actions please God? How can the world corrupt us?

DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT

6. **Read Romans 8:11.** What difference does the Spirit of God living in us make in our lives? In our words? In the way we treat others? How will you put the words of this message into action this week?

Matthew 19:16-22 CSB

¹⁶Just then someone came up and asked him, "Teacher, what good must I do to have eternal life?"

¹⁷"Why do you ask me about what is good?" he said to him. "There is only one who is good. If you want to enter into life, keep the commandments."

¹⁸"Which ones?" he asked him.

Jesus answered: Do not murder; do not commit adultery; do not steal; do not bear false witness; ¹⁹honor your father and your mother; and love your neighbor as yourself.

²⁰"I have kept all these," the young man told him. "What do I still lack?"

²¹"If you want to be perfect," Jesus said to him, "go, sell your belongings and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

²²When the young man heard that, he went away grieving, because he had many possessions.

James 1:22-24 NIV11

²²Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

²³Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

James 1:26-27 NIV11

²⁶Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

Luke 6:45 NASB

⁴⁵The good person out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil person out of the evil treasure brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart.

Romans 8:11 NIV11

¹¹And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.