

Faith that Demands a Change of Heart

James 1:19-25

James: Keep the Faith

- Stands the **Test** (1:2-12)
 - **Joy** in Trials
 - **Wisdom** Given Generously
 - **Boasting** in Our Weakness
- Demands a **Change** of Heart (1:19-25)

Am I willing
to **change** when
God tells me to?

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19 My dear brothers and sisters,
take note of this:

Everyone should be quick to **listen**,
slow to **speak** and slow to become **angry**,

20 because **human anger** does not produce
the **righteousness** that God desires.

James 1:19-20 (NIV) (p.1/4)

21 Therefore, get rid of all **moral filth**
and the **evil** that is so prevalent

and **humbly accept**
the word **planted** in you,
which can **save** you.

James 1:21 (NIV) (p.2/4)

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

23 Anyone who **listens** to the word
but does not **do** what it says

is like someone who looks at his **face** in a mirror
24 and, after **looking** at himself, goes away
and immediately **forgets** what he looks like.


James 1:22-24 (NIV) (p.3/4)

25 But whoever **looks intently**
into the **perfect law** that gives **freedom**,
and **continues** in it —
not **forgetting** what they have heard,
but **doing** it —
they will be **blessed** in what they **do**.

James 1:25 (NIV) (p.4/4)

Change of Heart Jam 1b

1. Shun **Anger** (v19-20)
2. **Accept** the Word (v21)
3. **Act**, Don't Just Listen (v22-24)
4. **Abide** and Obey (v25)

A young child with light hair, wearing a red top and blue shorts, is sitting on a dark floor. The child has a distressed expression, with tears on their face and an open mouth as if crying. The background is dark and out of focus.

Everyone should be quick to **listen**,
slow to **speak** and slow to become **angry**

James 1:19 (NIV)



Zeal for Your house will consume Me

John 2:17 (NIV)

the **anger of man** does not achieve
the **righteousness of God**

James 1:20 (NASB)

Have I been
quick to **listen**,
slow to **speak**, and
slow to **anger**?


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James 1:21 (NIV)



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James 1:21 (NIV)

How do I **react** to
discipline from
the **Word** of God?

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James 1:22 (NIV)



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James 1:24 (NIV)

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Is the Bible
a magic **amulet**
or our
owner's **manual?**

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James 1:25a (NIV)

The Book of
PSALMS

PSALM 2
Gentle men shall be silent,
and the earth shall be still,
and the mountains shall be
moved out of their place,
because of the anger of the
LORD, because he is
wroth, because he is
highly exalted,
because he has spoken
in anger, because he
has uttered his words
in wrath.

If you hold to my **teaching**,
you are really my **disciples**.

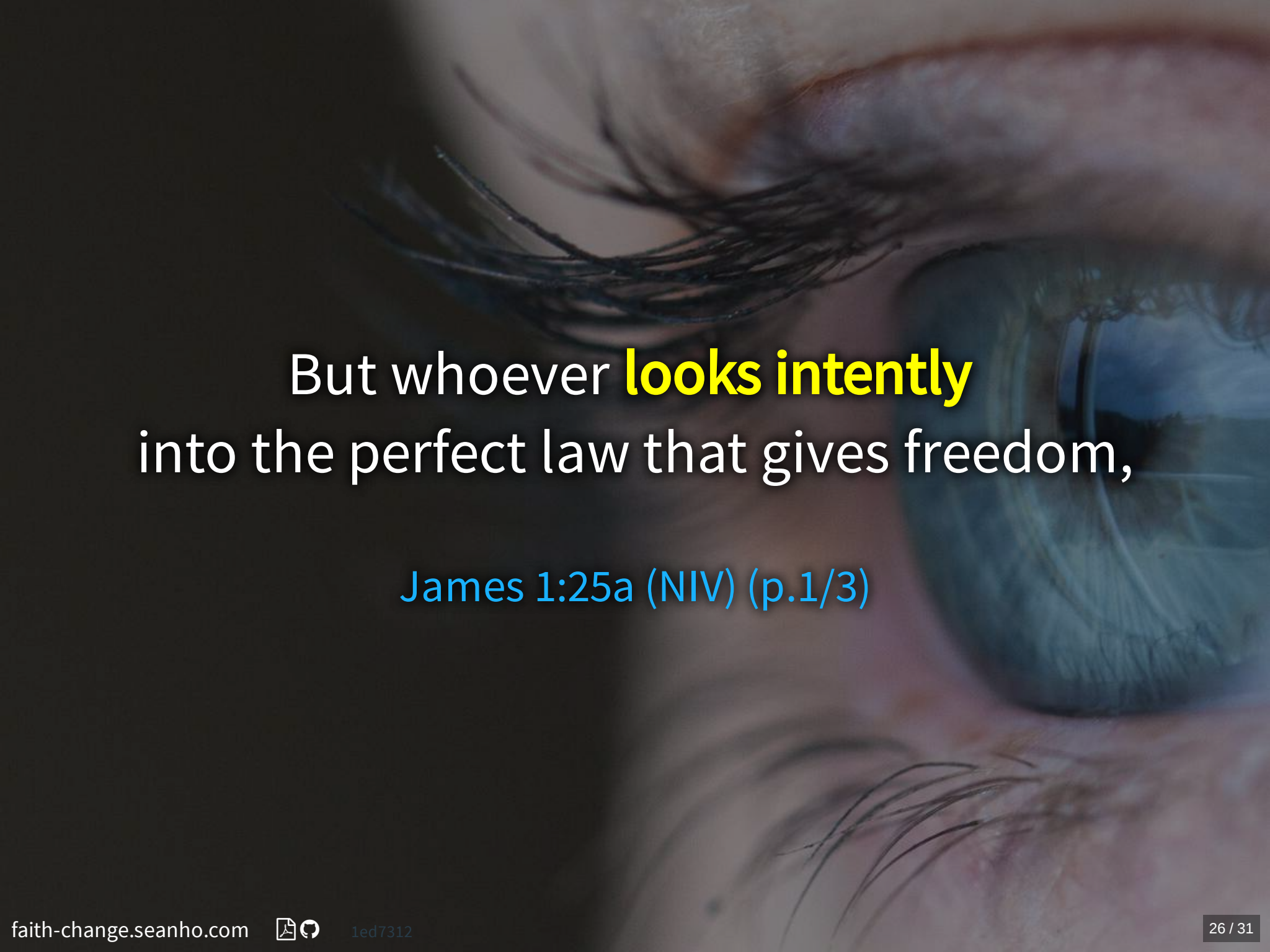
32 Then you will know the **truth**,
and the truth will set you **free**.

John 8:31-32 (NIV) (p.1/2)

34 Very truly I tell you,
everyone who **sins** is a **slave** to sin.

... 36 So if the **Son** sets you free,
you will be **free indeed**.

John 8:34, 36 (NIV) (p.2/2)

A close-up, artistic photograph of a person's eye. The eye is looking slightly to the right. The iris is a light, hazy blue color. The reflection in the eye shows a landscape with a body of water and a sky with some clouds. The eyelashes are dark and long. The overall tone is soft and contemplative.

But whoever **looks intently**
into the perfect law that gives freedom,

James 1:25a (NIV) (p.1/3)

A photograph of two hikers on a rocky trail in a forest. The hiker in the foreground is wearing a white shirt and dark shorts, and is captured in motion, stepping over a rock. The hiker in the background is wearing a white shirt with red accents and dark pants, and is using trekking poles. The trail is rocky and surrounded by dense green foliage.

and **continues** in it —
not **forgetting** what they have heard,


James 1:25b (NIV) (p.2/3)

A perspective view of a path made of wooden planks leading through tall grass. The sky is overcast with grey clouds. The text is overlaid on the image.

but **doing** it —
they will be **blessed** in what they **do**.

James 1:25c (NIV) (p.3/3)

Do I **persevere** to
study and **obey**
the Word of God?

A person wearing a dark t-shirt and a grey beanie stands in a field of tall, golden-brown grass. Their arms are outstretched horizontally to the sides. The background shows a line of trees under a warm, golden light, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is peaceful and open.

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James 1:25 (NIV)

