

## Undefined and Unstained

### Selected Scriptures

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James focusses on what the life of a true Christian will look like in contrast to the life of a person who makes a superficial claim of being a Christian (James 1:22-25). A man who simultaneously makes a profession of while having an out-of-control tongue deceives himself and is not fooling anyone (James 1:26). His unbridled life, led by his uncontrolled tongue, undercuts any claim of living the life of a follower of Jesus Christ (James 1:26).
  
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The Christian must maintain a vigilant attention to the condition of his soul in order to maintain a testimony of true religion. Looking at the big picture, the Christian is to try to keep his or her life free from the stains of the fallen world around us (James 1:27). This will include diligent attention to knowing and understanding the truth of the Christian faith (Jude 20). This also is to be accompanied by regular and habitual prayer (Jude 20; 1 Thess 5:17). And this will contribute to the result of walking in the paths of righteousness (Ps. 1:1-3; 52:7-9; Jer. 17:7-8) which is what it means to keep yourself in the love of God (Jude 20).