

A FAITH THAT HELPS ME SEE THE TRUTH

James: A Faith That Works When Life Doesn't – Part 27

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"People always think they're doing the right thing, but in the end it leads to their death." Proverbs 16:25

"The human mind is the most deceitful of all things. It is incurable. No one can understand how deceitful it is." Jeremiah 17:9 (GW)

SOME WAYS I DECEIVE MYSELF

1. WHEN I THINK _____

"DON'T BE DECEIVED, dear brothers and sisters. Every good gift you have is a perfect present from God above. It has come down from the Father who created all of the heavenly lights." James 1:16-17

2. WHEN I THINK _____

"Do not merely listen to the Word, and so DECEIVE YOURSELVES. You must DO what it says to do!" James 1:22

*Jesus: "Now that you know these things, you will be blessed IF you DO them!"
John 13:17 (NIV)*

3. WHEN I THINK _____

"If you think you are religious but you do not control your tongue, then your religion is worthless and you DECEIVE YOURSELF." James 1:26 (TEV)

4. WHEN I ASSUME _____

*"You say to God, 'My beliefs are flawless and I can't be blamed for anything.'"
Job 11:4 (NIV/NJB)*

"The Lord says, 'My thoughts are completely different from yours! And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my views are higher than your views.'" Isaiah 55:8-9 (NLT)

5. WHEN I CONFUSE _____

"Don't fool yourself. Don't think that you can be wise merely by being up-to-date with the times." 1 Corinthians 3:18 (MSG)

"...you are trusting in deceptive words that are worthless." Jeremiah 7:8 (NIV)

6. WHEN I THINK _____

"God is the only lawgiver and judge. He alone can save and destroy. So, who do you think you are, to judge someone else?" James 4:12 (TEV)

"If you think you're something when you're really nothing, you are only deceiving yourself." Galatians 6:3 (TEV)

7. WHEN I THINK _____

"Don't fool yourself. 'Bad companions will ruin good character.'" 1 Corinthians 15:33 (TEV)

8. WHEN I THINK _____

"Do not deceive yourselves; no one makes a fool of God. You will reap exactly what you've planted." Galatians 6:7 (TEV)

"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us." 1 John 1:8 (NIV)

HOW CAN I WORK ON MY BLINDSPOTS?

1. ASK _____

*Job: "Teach me what I cannot see; if I've done wrong, I will not do so again."
Job 34:32 (NIV)*

2. ASK _____

"Fools think they need no advice, but the wise listen to others." Proverbs 12:15 (NLT)

"Look closely at yourselves. Test yourselves to see if you are living in the faith." 2 Corinthians 13:5a (NCV)

3. ASK _____

"Jesus said, 'I have come to give sight to the blind and to show those who think they see that they are really blind.'" John 9:39b (NLT)

David: "None of us can see our own errors; so, DELIVER ME, LORD, from my hidden faults!" Psalm 19:12 (TEV)