

James 1:22 (Key Verse) 22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so **deceive yourselves**. Do what it says.

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Christianity without Christ

- 1. Wants Jesus' love but not His transformation (Romans 12:2)
- 2. Harvested but not gathered. Scatter commitment. (Matt. 24:40-41)
- 3. Matt. 16:24 Wants to follow after Jesus but won't deny themselves & pick up their cross.

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"The Healthy Church"

- 1. **The Church is** <u>made up of people</u> from every segment of society. (James 2:2-8)
- 2. **The Church is** <u>healthier</u> when we are face to face. (Hebrews 10:24-25 & I Tim. 3:15)
- 3. **The Church is** meant to be a powerful part of society. This happens mostly Monday thru Saturday. (Matt. 16:18-19)
- 4. **The Church in** the home is only half the story. Luke 14:23 "Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full.
- 5. Evil/unhealthy judgements in the Church are made when we don't value each other. (James 2:13)

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Speak and act as if you know there is a judgment Day!

Live as one who is going to be...

- 1. **Judged:** (By God & others)
- **2. Quoted:** (This is doubled-edged sword)
- 3. Followed: (Our example is generational.) Zechariah 1:2 The Lord was disappointed with our forefathers.

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Matthew 12:36 But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word <u>they have spoken</u>.

Speak & Act

- 1. **Speak about respect for all,** then act that way when they don't agree with you. (Ephesians 4:26)
- 2. Speak about attitudes and be willing to keep yours in check. (James 1:26)
- 3. **Speak about fairness** and then don't show favoritism (James 2:1) <u>Must not</u> show favoritism.
- 4. **Speak about mercy**. Then dispense it instead of judgment. (James 2:13)