**James 1:19-27 Undivided in word and deed**

Worthless Counterfeits

How to tell if we’re the real thing or not?

James 1:19-27: all revolves around our attitude towards God’s Word

1. **Real Christians listen to God’s Word (v.19-21)**

The Word is a *gift* (v.21b)

Planted in each Christian

Regeneration

“Humbly accept the word planted in you” ?

Seeds → growing plants

Parallel with 1 Thess. 2:13

“And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, *which is indeed at work in you who believe.*”

Oxygen

How does the Word do its work in us? (v.19-21a)

Proverbial wisdom: quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to become angry

But more than that, be quick to listen…to God’s Word!

* Listening in the first place
* Really listening and not twisting
1. **Real Christians live out God’s Word (v.22-27)**

The two pedals

The mirror

Freedom & blessing

Let the Word do its work