

QUALITY CONTROL

James 1:19-27 – ¹⁹ So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; ²⁰ for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God. ²¹ Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. ²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴ for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. ²⁵ But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does. ²⁶ If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless. ²⁷ Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

Godly qualities are needed to continue in God's will each day and to be blessed in all we do.

My family has a cute on-going saying they use when they are preparing dinner. They taste the food to make sure it's got enough salt or sugar, or the flavoring is right and they take little bites here and there and say it's "Quality Control". They are just doing their part to make sure that dinner is safe to eat for everyone. ☺ Although we all know that the food is okay (it's actually delicious!) and that it's not going to kill anyone, it's still fun none-the-less to keep carrying on the tradition.

When we are doing our part for God's kingdom and checking in with friends and loved ones to make sure they are okay and when we are making efforts to know God's word and practicing righteousness and speaking truth in love and watching what we say – then we are doing our part to control our flesh – to walk in the spirit and not the flesh – to be doers of the Word of God.

Giving ourselves a good look in the mirror means to inwardly reflect on where our mind, and time is mostly spent. What goes in must come out – it's true. So when we are making sure the best is going in, we are going to get a better end result.

The Bible says in **Haggai 2:9** - **'The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,' says the Lord of hosts. 'And in this place I will give peace,' says the Lord of hosts.'** and I believe that this was talking about Jesus - the Temple that will not ever again be destroyed. As well, we are temples of God – a place where Holy Spirit can dwell.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 - Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

If we are living temples of Jesus Christ – than we are holding the greater glory too. I believe that the Lord has been and will continue to pour into each of us His goodness and as we are being careful to do what His word says to do, then it will be so – we will begin to show signs of good quality. We will begin to show signs of control when it comes to certain matters and we will begin to walk in the greater glory because what God is putting into each of us is of good quality because He controls each and everything that we need and He gives to each of us exactly what we need when we need it.

Put your trust in the Lord today and allow Him to bring a measure of quality control into your life. Taste and see that the Lord is good! He is good at managing your affairs and call that concerns you. He was, is, and will always be in control and His quality is top notch!

Thank You Lord that You bring fresh manna every day to us. You know how to make our mess into something special. You know how to proportion our time, finances, thoughts, and life just right and we need to trust You to do so! You are the best quality control we could ever have and we ask today that You would come into our lives and order things aright. Because of You Lord – our latter shall be greater! You – are our Quality Control. In Jesus name I pray – amen!

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