

C. Evidences of true faith 1:22-4:17

a. Obedience 1:22-25

(1) The challenge 1:22

Hearers must be doers.

(2) The illustration 1:23,24

The transient, fleeting reflection in a mirror is no more substantial than a Christian profession which does not prove its genuineness by loving obedience to the will of God.

(3) The blessing 1:25

b. Control of the tongue 1:26

(1) Self-deception

One may appear to himself or to others to be a loyal believer, but if his tongue is unrestrained, he is sorely deceived.

(2) Vanity

If the tongue is not subjected to the will of God, this is proof that the heart is not submitted. This in turn indicates that the person's profession of faith may be spurious and in vain.

c. Charity 1:27

(1) The divine norm

The type of charity which the believer must demonstrate is God's standard.

(2) The directive

d. Purity 1:27