Introduction:
A. Multitudes claim to be religious, but not all please God. (Cf. Acts 17:22)
B. James makes several recommendations for anyone thinking himself to be religious.

Discussion:
I. Let Him Demonstrate The Wisdom From Above.
   A. Shows itself in a good life. (3:13-16).
II. Let Him Draw near to God (4:8).
   A. By submitting to God and resisting the devil. (4:7).
   B. With clean hands and hearts. (4:8).
   C. By repentance (4:9-10; cf. Matt. 5:4)
III. Let Him Recognize Christ as His Lawgiver (4:11-12).
   A. By always submitting to his law.
   B. By not usurping His role as judge (4:11)
   C. By placing the future in his hands. (4:13-17).
IV. Let Him Be Honest and Fair. (5:1-5).
   A. May be rich and honest – dishonest and poor.
   B. One must not be rich at the expense of others. (5:4).
V. Let Him Pray to God (5:13-18).
   A. Not for a miracle – miracles no longer needed.
      1. Elijah’s drought was not a miracle – just like any long dry spell.
      2. Elijah’s rain came like rain always came in that area. (1 Kings 18:44,45).
   B. God answers prayer providentially – else why pray.
VI. Let Him Love Sinners (5:19-20)
   A. Not sin, but sinners.
   B. Must convert sinners among brethren.

Conclusion:
A. If we claim to be religious let us back it up with proper attitudes and conduct.
B. If you think you are religious, have you obeyed the Lord to become a Christian?