

## James 1:19-20 (NLT)

Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.

[20] Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires.

## James 1:21-22 (NLT)

So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls. [22] But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.

## James 1:23-25 (NLT)

For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror.

[24] You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like.

[25] But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

**Be a DOER of  
the WORD**

**James 1:22-25**

James 1:22-25 (JBP)

Don't I beg you, **ONLY hear the message**,  
but **PUT it into PRACTICE**; otherwise you  
are merely deluding yourselves.

James 1:22-25 (JBP)

The man who **simply HEARS and does nothing** about it is like a man catching the reflection of his own face in a mirror.

He sees himself - but he **goes on with whatever he was doing** without the slightest recollection of what sort of person he saw in the mirror.

James 1:22-25 (JBP)

But the man who **LOOKS** into the perfect mirror of **God's Law**, the **Law** of **LIBERTY** (or freedom), and makes a habit of doing so, is **not the man who sees and forgets.**

He puts that Law into **PRACTICE**

and he is **TRULY Blessed.**

## **LAW of LIBERTY -**

God's Law does not **enslave**, or force us to conform. We are **FREE** to respond to God and **His Word** from hearts that have been set **FREE** from sin.

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Psalm 1:1-3 (NIV)

**BLESSED** is the man who **does not walk** in the counsel of the **wicked** or stand in the way of **sinners** or sit in the seat of **mockers**.

[2] But his **DELIGHT** is in the **LAW** of the **LORD**, and **on His LAW** he meditates day and night.

[3] He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. **Whatever he DOES PROSPERS.**

The person who **HEARS** and **DOES**  
**“the WORD”** puts **FAITH** into **ACTION**  
and is **BLESSED**; because **his worship**  
**IMPACTS** his life. HCSB

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NLT)

**Always BE joyful. Keep on praying.**

No matter what happens,

always **BE THANKFUL**,

**THIS is God's WILL** for you

who **belong** to **Christ Jesus**.

Psalms 46:1-2 (NIV)

God is our **refuge and strength,**  
an **ever-present HELP in trouble.**

Therefore **we will not FEAR...**

2 Timothy 1:7 (NLT)

For God has **NOT** given us  
a spirit of **FEAR** and **timidity**,  
but of **power**, **love**, and  
**self-discipline**.

## Luke 12:22-25 (NLT)

Then turning to his disciples, Jesus said, "So I tell you, don't worry about everyday life - whether you have enough food to eat or clothes to wear. [23] **For life consists of far more than food and clothing.** [24]

Look at the ravens. They don't need to plant or harvest or put food in barns because **God feeds them.** And **you are far more valuable to Him** than any birds! [25] **Can ALL your WORRIES ADD a single moment to your life?** Of course NOT!

## Becoming a **DOER** not **MERELY** a Hearer...

- **ADMIT** you are **NOT** a **DOER**
- **Confess** your sin of **DISOBEDIENCE**
- Keep on **GETTING INTO** God's **Word**
- Ask God to Help you **LIVE OUT** His **Word**

## God's Word is Like a Mirror...

- it shows us what we are **REALLY LIKE**
- it shows us what **NEEDS** to be **CHANGED**

Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)

**For the WORD of God is living and active.**

Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; **it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.**

Psalms 139:23-24 (NIV)

Search me, O God, and **know my heart;**  
test me and **know my anxious thoughts.**  
**See** if there is **ANY offensive way** in me,  
and **LEAD me** in the **way everlasting.**

## God Blesses the Person who... Expositors

- looks **CAREFULLY** and **CONTINUES** looking at **God's Word**
- does **NOT FORGET** what **God's Word** says
- **LIVES OUT God's Word** daily

The **PERFECT LAW** calls us to  
**LOVE** God unconditionally  
and to **LOVE** others as we do  
ourselves.

Luke 10:27 (NIV)

**Love the Lord your God**

with **ALL your HEART** and

with **ALL your SOUL** and

with **ALL your STRENGTH** and

with **ALL your MIND**; and,

**Love your neighbor AS yourself.**