James 1:22-25 *(NASU) But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. [23] For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; [24] for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. [25] But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.*

***What does it mean to look "intently"? To study and to learn thoroughly. To focus on God's Word in such a way that what is learned is lived out in life. The perfect "law of liberty" or law that gives freedom certainly in contrast to O.T. Law. We had a lot more freedom from rituals and practices. But the FREEDOM we have is in coming into God's very presence through Jesus. That is explained to us in His WORD. What does it mean to "abide by it"? Stick to it and to stay in it, to do, obey what God says in His Word.

PRAYER: Lord God, help me to look intently and purposefully into Your Word. Help me Lord God to see its beauty and wonder. Help me to focus intently never giving up on Your Word. Lord, please help to come alive for me. Help me never to see Your Word as an academic exercise. Please draw me into a deeper walk with You through Your Word.

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