

## Be a DOER of the WORD ~ James 1:22-25

→ Scripture Reading James 1.19-25

### LOOK IN THE MIRROR ~ James 1:22-25

[22] Do not merely listen to the WORD, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. [23] Anyone who listens to the WORD but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror [24] and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like

Don't I beg you, ONLY hear the message, but PUT it into PRACTICE; otherwise you are merely deluding yourselves. 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. 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. (1.22-25 JBP)

[25] But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it - he will be blessed in what he does.

**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. Expositors

**Psalms 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

### APPLICATION

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18** (NLT) Always be joyful. Keep on praying. No matter what happens, always be thankful, for 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

## **APPLICATION**

### **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

## **TAKE AWAY ??**

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

**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.