

HOSE TO GIVE US BIRTH THROUGH THE WORD OF TRUTH, THAT WE MIGHT BE A KIND OF FIRSTFRUITS OF ALL HE CREATED. MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, TAKE NOTE OF THIS: EVERYONE SHOULD BE QUICK TO LISTEN, SLOW TO SPEAK AND SLOW TO BECOME ANGRY. BECAUSE HUMAN ANGER DOES NOT PRODUCE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT GOD DESIRES. THEREFORE, GET RID OF ALL MORAL FILTH AND BE EVIL THAT IS SO PREVALENT AND HUMBL Y ACCEPT THE WORD PLANTED IN YOU, WHICH CAN SAVE YOU. DO NOT MERELY LISTEN TO THE WORD, AND SO DECEIVE YOURSELVES. DO WHAT IT SAYS. ANYONE WHO LISTENS TO THE WORD BUT DOES NOT DO WHAT IT SAYS IS LIKE SOMEONE WHO LOOKS AT HIS FACE IN A MIRROR AND, AFTER LOOKING AT HIMSELF, GOES AWAY AND IMMEDIATELY FORGETS WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE. BUT WHOEVER LOOKS INTENTLY INTO THE PERFECT LAW THAT GIVES FREEDOM AND CONTINUES IN IT—NOT FORGETTING WHAT THEY HAVE HEARD, BUT DOING IT—THEY WILL BE BLESSED IN WHAT THEY DO. RELIGION THAT GOD OUR FATHER ACCERTS AS PURE AND FAULTLESS IS THIS: TO LOOK AFTER ORPHANS AND WIDOWS IN THEIR DISTRESS AND TO KEEP ONESELF FROM BEING POLLUTED BY THE WORLD. MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, BELIEVERS, **NOT JUST SUGGESTIONS? JAMES** CHRIST MUST NOT SHOW FAVORITISM. SUPPOSE A RICH MAN COMES INTO YOUR MEETING WEARING A GOLD RING AND FINE CLOTHES, AND A POOR MAN IN FILTHY OLD CLOTHES ALSO COMES. IF YOU SHOW SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE MAN WEARING FINE CLOTHES AND SAY, "HERE'S A GOOD SEAT FOR YOU," BUT SAY TO THE POOR MAN, "YOU STAND THERE" OR "SIT ON THE FLOOR BY MY FEET," HAVE YOU NOT DISCRIMINATED AMONG YOURSELVES AND BECOME JUDGES WITH EVIL THOUGHTS? LISTEN, MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS: HAS NOT GOD CHOSEN THOSE WHO ARE POOR IN THE EYES OF THE WORLD TO BE RICH IN FAITH AND TO INHERIT THE KINGDOM HE PROMISED THOSE WHO LOVE HIM? BUT YOU HAVE DISHONORED IF POOR. IS IT NOT THE RICH WHO ARE EXPLOITING YOU? ARE THEY NOT THE ONES WHO ARE DRAGGING YOU INTO COURT? ARE THEY

**JUST DO IT:
JAMES 1:21-25**

The BIG question you will have to deal and well with: Is God's Word a _____ in your life?

Every one of you can be blessed by responding to God's word in three ways:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

James 1:21

Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

I can not *hear* something by _____ not to hear it or letting my situation _____ me from hearing.

James 1:22a.

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves.

The word here, for "deceive" is ***paralogizomai*** from ***para*** = beside, alongside + ***logizomai*** = to reason, to count) is literally to reason beside the point, To misjudge. To miscalculate. To cheat in reckoning.

I like to see it as a **spiritual** _____.

Hearing it is indeed important, but our hearing of it must be completed with holding it and heeding it.

James 1:22b-24

...Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

The function of a mirror is to _____

Mirrors speak the _____ and only the _____.

Yet, our challenge is not poor _____, but poor

_____.

James 1:25

But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

Impression without _____ is _____.

James will go on to say in 4:17: *“Whoever knows the good he ought to do and doesn’t do it, sins.”*

Others that spoke about obedience:

Jesus

- "On the contrary, blessed are those who hear the word of God, and observe it." (Lk 11:28)
- If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them. (John 13:17)

Paul

It is not the hearers of the Law are just before God, but the doers of the Law will be justified. (Rom. 2:13)

John

By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commands. The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. (1Jn 2:3, 4)

Obedience is an essential and irremovable part of followership.

So what am I trying to say: _____ !

Things you can *DO*:

- Count it Joy
- Stop giving into temptation
- Tithing
- Love your enemies and pray for those that persecute you
- 10 Commandments
- Teach your kids the word of God
- Love your spouse

“One step forward in obedience is worth years of study about it.” —Oswald Chambers