Series: "TALK IS CHEAP"
Part 3: "HEAR IT, DO IT"
Crossroads Community Church
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19 My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, 20 because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. 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. James 1:19-21 (NIV)

Steps to Develop Spiritual Obedience:

1. **Prepare your _____ to receive the _____.**

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 someone who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. 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. James 1:22-25 (NIV)

2. **_____ the Bible with _____.**

11 Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. Acts 17:11 (NIV)

3. **_____ what you _____.**

26 Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. 27 Religion that God our Father accepts 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. James 1:26-27 (NIV)

Evaluate your Obedience in the Areas of:

- _____
- _____
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Challenges for the Week Ahead:

- Make a goal to examine the Bible for a minimum of ten minutes every day. (Start somewhere)
- Consider the top reason that prevents you from spending daily time reading the Bible.
  - Ask God to change your heart and take a step to eliminate that barrier.
- Identify an area of your life you are being disobedient to the Bible's teaching.
  - Confess this to God, asking for His forgiveness and help.
- Ask God to reveal how the world is influencing you.

Bible Reading Resources:

- Bible App
- Bible Recap - https://www.thebiblerecap.com/
- Bible Project - https://bibleproject.com/

Sermon Notes:

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