

James: A Faith that Walks – Doers of the Word (Ja1:18-22)

1. Three Keys in Our Attitude Towards God's Word (Ja1:18-22) *Psalm119:71,155

A. An attitude of _____ (vs.19-20)

1. swift to hear; not resistant, eager to listen to and be under God's Word; vs. Ja1:6, doubt/debate ***Ps119:14,20,72,147-148; Ja1:5** –in a trial we run to God/Word, not away; tempted? **Ps119:9-11**
2. slow to speak; hear and cling to God's Word; Lk8:15 – good soil hearer holds it fast ***Ps40:1 vs. Eccl5:1-7 and Is29:13... stony ground hearer quickly responds, falls away**
3. slow to anger; wrath, rebellion, rejection, hostility – *we don't do this, but first 2...*
*hostile against God's clear word – maybe not verbally but in not doing it; **Jer6:16-19**

B. An attitude of _____ (vs.21)

1. put aside: having already put off; **1Pe2:1-2**
2. in humility receive: have teachable spirit; **active** acceptance; moldable to submit to the Word

C. An attitude of _____ (vs.22) *be being continually doers; we practice God's Word, living it
***Jn14:21; Matt7:21-27; 1Jn5:3** – *do you say you will, or actually do it?! *Matt21:28-31*

2. Doers or Hearers of God's Word?

A. Examples of doers versus hearers

1. Big juicy steak – hearing it described perfectly or eating it? How do you know?
2. PHD in theoretical flights – Never set foot in a plane, would you get in his plane to travel?
3. **Rom12:1-2**: knowing facts and Bible verses don't renew your mind; you must ____ them!

*What is the only book in the Bible of church history? _____

B. Doers or Hearers only of God's Word: clear commands in Scripture

*Train yourself to be godly(**1Tim4:7-8**); Repent, turn from sin, continually (**2Cor7:1**)

* _____ on Word day and night (Ps1); Be devoted to prayer(**Col4:2-3**)

* _____ treasure in heaven; seek first God's kingdom, over even basic needs (Matt6:19-24,33)

*Fellowship, worship together **a lot**(Heb10:23-25); _____ one another(Jn13:34; Col3:12-14)

*Husbands love your wives, wives respect your husbands(Eph5:22-33)

*Reconciliation and forgiveness w/ Christians no matter what(Matt5:23-24; Matt18:15-20)

* _____ sexual immorality(1Cor6:18-20); Flee/guard from idolatry(1Jn5:21); Flee the love of money(1Tim6:10-11); Pursue Christ wholeheartedly(Phil3:12-14); **Rapid fire** – **1Thess5:12-22**

C. Putting ourselves in the path of Jesus (*ex.* Lk19:1-10; Zaccheus, what did he, **DO** to see Jesus?)

1. **1Tim4:7**: train yourself to be godly, or Christlike – this is the _____, goal, gold medal, prize
2. Spiritual Disciplines put us in the path of Jesus – **He** is the focus of WHY we do them!
3. **A Biblical List** seen throughout Scripture and modeled by Jesus Himself
*Prayer – corporate and individual... Fasting... Feasting/Fellowship... Evangelism
*Serving... Stewardship/Tithing... Personal Bible study... Journaling, see Psalms...
*Corporate Worship... Private Worship... Scripture memorization... Silence and Solitude –Jesus

***Together:** Book: Spiritual Disciplines, Donald Whitney; Church-wide Bible reading plan...

*Life Groups; Discipleship groups; outreaches; prayer meetings, worship service, Sunday school