

## Hear AND Do

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INTRO: James was written to encourage and instruct the church that was made up of scattered believers in Jesus Christ, most of them Jewish. James spent his time, under the power of the Holy Spirit, writing about a daily, practical life for the follower of Jesus. James gave the key to being blessed in what we do. And here it is...

### **James 1:19-25 (NIV)**

**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. **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.

There it is!! Did you catch it? The key to having what we do to be blessed by God is to be hearers AND doers of the truth of the Word of God!! Hearers AND doers. Hearers AND doers.

### **3 Steps To Walk In All That God Has For Us!**

- 1. Recognize that we need to be hearers and doers of God's word and that we cannot do it on our own.**

It was once said, "It is easier to build strong boys than it is to repair broken men."

### **John 14:26 (NIV)**

**26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.**

The Holy Spirit is the “AND” linking Hearing God’s word AND then doing God’s word!!!

**2. Recognize that we need the help of the Holy Spirit to be hearers AND doers.**

**Ephesians 5:1-20 (NIV)**

**Ephesians 6:10-18 (NIV)** - The Armor of God - put on through the Spirit

**Galatians 5:19-21 (NIV)** - Acts of sinful nature

**Galatians 5:22-25 (NIV)** - Fruit of the Spirit (this pleases the Lord!)

-To live the way God wants us to live, we need to keep in step with the Holy Spirit. He can then grow in us His fruit which combats the acts of the flesh.

**3. Recognize that we need to be hearers AND doers NOW...not just for us, but for others.**

**Galatians 6:7-8 (NIV)**

**7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 8 Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. 9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.**

If we sow from the flesh, we reap from the flesh...BUT if we sow from the Spirit, we reap from the Spirit. God does not want us to be destroyed or

deceived. It is not enough to merely hear the Word of the Lord, although it is extremely important. But we must do what the Word says!!

If we want all that God has for us, we must take hold of this truth!!

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