

# Doers

## James 1:21-27

### How Do We Become Doers of the Word?

#### 1. Properly prepare yourself

**James 1:21 (NIV)** “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 1:21 (MSG)** “So throw all spoiled virtue and cancerous evil in the garbage. In simple humility, let our gardener, God, landscape you with the Word, making a salvation-garden of your life.”

**2 Corinthians 7:1<sub>b</sub> (NIV)** “... let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.”

#### 2. Read it

**James 1:22<sub>a</sub> (NIV)** “Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves.”

**James 1:22 (NIV)** “Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”

#### 3. Reflect what we read

**James 1:23-24 (NIV)** “Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror <sup>24</sup>and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.”

**James 1:25 (NIV)** “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.”

#### 4. Respond to what you read

**James 1:26 (NIV)** “Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless.”

**James 1:27 (NIV)** “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.”

**Psalms 68:5 (NIV)** “A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.”

**Matthew 7:24-27 (NIV)** “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup>The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. <sup>26</sup>But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup>The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”