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**James 1:19-27 (CSB)**

<sup>19</sup> My dear brothers and sisters, understand this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger,  
<sup>20</sup> for human anger does not accomplish God's righteousness.

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**James 1:19-27 (CSB)**

<sup>21</sup> Therefore, ridding yourselves of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent, humbly receive the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.  
<sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

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<sup>23</sup> Because if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like someone looking at his own face in a mirror.

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<sup>25</sup> But the one who looks intently into the perfect law of freedom and perseveres in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer who works—this person will be blessed in what he does.

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Superficial: Appearing to be true, real, or important until you look at it more carefully. A superficial person only cares about what is on the surface.



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**Traits of a Superficial Person**

1. They have no moral compass
2. They aren't self-aware
3. They're overly materialistic
4. They lack true wisdom
5. They're overly judgmental
6. They thrive on gossip
7. They love being the center of attention
8. They emphasize physical attraction
9. They are extremely entitled



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1) We are to receive God's word humbly.



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**Luke 12:33 (CSB)**

Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Make money-bags for yourselves that won't grow old, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.



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**Ezekiel 36:24-27 (CSB)**

<sup>24</sup> "For I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries, and will bring you into your own land.  
<sup>25</sup> I will also sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. I will cleanse you from all your impurities and all your idols.

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**Ezekiel 36:24-27 (CSB)**

<sup>26</sup> I will give you a **new heart** and put a **new spirit** within you; I will remove your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.



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**Ezekiel 36:24-27 (CSB)**

<sup>27</sup> I will place my Spirit within you and cause you to follow my statutes and carefully observe my ordinances (instructions).



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**James 1:22 (CSB)**

But be **doers of the word** and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.



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2) We obey the word wholeheartedly.



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**Luke 11:28 (NIV)**  
(Jesus) replied, "**Blessed** rather are those who **hear the word of God and obey it.**"



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But be doers of the word and not hearers only, **deceiving** yourselves.



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"If there is no action from the Word, then clearly there has been no acceptance of the Word."

~ David Platt



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**Matthew 7:21 (CSB)**

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven..."



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**Matthew 7:21 (CSB)**

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven but only the one who **does the will of my Father in heaven.**”



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Obedience to God’s word is the evidence of your salvation. Because conformity to God’s word does not come naturally to a person who is spiritually dead.



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A) Doing things in the name of Christ is not the same thing as doing things Christ wants you to do.



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**1 Samuel 15:22 (CSB)**

To **obey** is better than sacrifice...



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B) Our obedience to the Lord is not dependent on our understanding.



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**James 1:25 (CSB)**

But the one who **looks** intently into the **perfect law of freedom** and perseveres in it, and is **not a forgetful hearer** but a **doer** who **works**...



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3) We remember the Word constantly.



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**James 1:25 (CSB)**

But the one who...is not a forgetful hearer but a **doer who works**—this person will be **blessed** in what he does.



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*Becoming* a Christian isn't about works.  
*Living* for Jesus is.



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**Matthew 7:24-27 (CSB)**

<sup>24</sup> “Therefore, everyone who **hears these words of mine and acts on them** (they obey) will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.



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**Matthew 7:24-27 (CSB)**

<sup>25</sup> The rain fell, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and pounded that house. Yet it didn't collapse, because its foundation was on the rock.



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**Matthew 7:24-27 (CSB)**

<sup>26</sup> But everyone who **hears these words of mine and doesn't act on them** (they disobey) will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.



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**Matthew 7:24-27 (CSB)**

<sup>27</sup> The rain fell, the rivers rose, the winds blew and pounded that house, and it collapsed. It collapsed with a great crash."



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**John 14:23 (CSB)**

Jesus answered, "If anyone loves me, **he will keep my word**. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.



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“True disciples are usually people that few understand. They are viewed as potentially unstable fanatics. Often the same governments that tolerate the existence of mere believers will stop at no ends to completely eradicate any disciples within their borders.”

~ Yun, Yongze, and Wang,  
*Back to Jerusalem*



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