

## **James 1:19-25 – Hearing and Doing**

### **Review**

#### **1. God's Word helps us fight temptation (1:19-21)**

- a. Anger is one of the biggest doorways to temptation!
- b. Quick to hear, slow to speak = slow to anger
- c. When we are more interested in what WE will say next, miscommunication is often the result, and anger and frustration quickly follow.
  - This anger does nothing to “produce righteousness” = integrity, virtue, purity of life, rightness, correctness of thinking, feeling, and acting
- d. In order to avoid this and other temptations, receive the Word (v.21) (box below)
  - “Lay aside” = to put something away
  - “Implanted” = to allow another to implant instruction into you

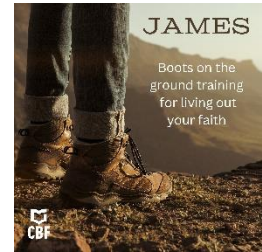
\* Psalm 119:11, 37:31

#### **2. How do we receive the Word? (1:22-25)**

- a. Hear the Word - actually put yourself under its influence.
- b. Put into action what you have learned.
- c. Example of the mirror (vv. 23b-25)
  - To hear and not do = looking in a mirror in the morning and seeing a huge wound on his face and forgets about it. What would happen?
  - To hear and do = Seeing the wound on his face and immediately using that information to fix and care for the it will make his life much better! (blessed – v.25)

### **Thoughts to Ponder**

1. What Scriptures can you memorize so that God's Word is hidden in your heart?
2. Why is it so important to do what we hear?
3. Are you actually using what you hear about God's Word – devotions, church, Bible studies?



### **Why is God's Word, the Bible, so effective in changing lives?**

- The Bible teaches us about God's character and nature.
  - \* 1 Samuel 2:2, Isaiah 30:18, 1 Thessalonians 5:24, John 17:17, Psalm 139
- The Bible teaches us about who we are: God's creation, sinner, loved by God in spite of ourselves.
  - \* Genesis 1-2, Romans 3:23,26, Romans 5:8, Romans 8:7-8
- The Bible teaches us that God desires to restore our relationship with Him: salvation, forgiveness for our sin.
  - \* John 3:16, Romans 5:8, Ephesians 2:4-5, John 1:12
- The Bible teaches us how God designed us to live once we have accepted His gift of forgiveness for our sin
  - \* 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Ephesians 4-6