APPLYING THE WORD IN YOUR LIFE!

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TEXT:
James 1:22-24 KJV
22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. 23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: 24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

SUBJ: Applying the word in your life!

INTRO: How many of y'all know that you have to Work the Word, if you want the WORD to work for you!

(NOTE: You can be in church every time the doors open, you can read your bible until the ink wears off the pages, but if you don't apply the word to your life, the word ain't going to do nothing in your life!)

You have to apply the word in your life!

David said in
Psalm 119:105 KJV
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

(EXPOUND) The Word works for you, if you work the word!

James 1:25 KJV
But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

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.

(EXPOUND) Meaning, "Those who HEAR the word and they DO the word, even in the midst of their situations, they will be blessed!"

(EXPOUND) When you put the word into action, it produces for you!

HOW DO WE APPLY THE WORD:

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#1 MIX THE WORD WITH FAITH!
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(EXPOUND) You apply the word in your life by mixing it with your FAITH!

Hebrews 4:2 KJV
For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

(EXPOUND) See, the WORD only works when you mix it with FAITH!

(EXPOUND) If you HEAR the word and you don't DO the word, because you don't have faith in the word, then the word won't work for you!

(NOTE: I can teach you this word 24/7, 365 days a year, if you don't have faith in the word, we're both wasting our time!)

Hebrews 11:1-3 KJV
1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 2 For by it the elders obtained a good report. 3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

(EXPOUND) See, your faith activates the word of GOD!

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#2 BY SPEAKING THE WORD!

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(EXPOUND) When you speak the word, you're reciting it back to GOD!

NOTE: and remember GOD said in

Numbers 23:19 KJV
God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

You have to speak the word and put it into action!

(EXP#3) You just left church from giving GOD some praise and receiving the word

and soon as you making home there's a final notice in the mail and you don't have any money!

- Put the word into action by speaking,

Philippians 4:19 KJV
But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus

(EXP#4) You find out that your coworker has been talking about you, lying on you and trying to get you fired from the job!

- Put the word into action by speaking,

Isaiah 54:17 KJV
No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord , and their righteousness is of me, saith the Lord.

(EXP#5) Seems like everything is going wrong in your life all at the same time and you're about to lose your mind!

- Put the word into action by speaking,
Isaiah 26:3 KJV
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee : because he trusteth in thee.

CONCLUSION:

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#3 YOU HAVE TO LIVE THE WORD!

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(EXPOUND) You have to live the word, to build a solid foundation.

JESUS said in
Matthew 7:24 KJV
Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them.

Matthew 7:24 MSG
These words I speak to you are not incidental additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundational words, words to build a life on. If you work these words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who built his house on solid rock. Rain poured down, the river flooded, a tornado hit—but nothing moved that house. It was fixed to the rock.

26-27 "But if you just use my words in Bible studies and don't work them into your life, you are like a stupid carpenter who built his house on the sandy beach. When a storm rolled in and the waves came up, it collapsed like a house of cards."

(EXPOUND) You can't just hear the word, you have to live the word.

(EXP#) You can't come to church and hear that you have walk by faith and not by sight, but soon as you leave church all you do is worry about what you see.

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(EXPOUND) See, if you hear the word, but don't live the word, it can make you forget the word.

(NOTE: And the minute something comes up against you, you won't be able to stand, because you forgot the word.)

(EXP#) You forget that, “the Effectual fervent prayer of the righteous availeth much”

(EXP#) You forget that, “That if I have faith the size of mustard seed I can move mountains.”

(EXP#) You forget that, “That GOD will never leave nor forsake me.”

(EXP#) You forget that, “That by his stripes I’m already healed.”

(EXP#) You forget that, “He said call him whenever I’m trouble and he’ll deliver me.”

You have to live the word, to have a solid foundation.

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(EXPOUND) When you live word, it keeps you from forgetting the word, and the word ends up blessing your life!

Romans 2:13 KJV
For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.

(EXPOUND) You living the word justifies you to GOD.