

HOW TO LIVE LIKE JESUS

If You Believe It Do It

James 1:19-27

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The real challenge of life is to know a thing and be able to do.

It is not about the rules.

It is about what you believe and how you act.

LISTEN AND RECEIVE THE WORD

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. James 1:19-21 NAS

Quick to listen

Slow to speak

Slow to anger.

Hurt	An unmet expectation
+Frustration:	If you loved me you would not have done that.
<u>+Fear</u>	I am afraid to tell you how you disappointed me.
= Anger	

To be slow to anger means we have to slow down our reaction when we think someone has hurt us.

Matthew never says Jesus was angry.

PUT GOD'S WORD INTO PRACTICE

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. James 1:22-25 NIV

The Law begins with us loving God and loving our neighbor as ourselves.

What you really know and believe is revealed in your actions every day.

With Jesus those flaws are not a barrier to walking with Jesus and overcoming them and living a righteous life.

We learn and practice and apply the word when we spend time meditating on it.

Memorize the word.

Emphasize each word

Define key words

Individualize it

Think about it

Apply it

Tell others

Enjoy it

BRIDLE THE TONGUE

If anyone thinks himself to be religious, yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this person's religion is worthless. 27 Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. James 1:26-27 NAS

Your religion is what you believe and practice.

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love. Galatians 5:6 NIV

If you believe it live it.