

JAMES

Looking into the Bible

7-31-22

Why did James say “just do it” throughout his book? Because this book of James is about: _____.

* _____ is the key.

*James gives four important commands for us to do:

James 1:19-21 - My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be **quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry**,²⁰ for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.²¹ Therefore, **get rid of all moral filth** and the evil that is so prevalent. . .

1. Be quick to _____.
2. Be slow to _____.
3. Be slow to _____.
4. Get _____ of all moral filth.

*Now after you have followed the commands: James said, “don't just _____ there.”

James 1:2 - and **humbly accept the word planted in you**, which can **save you**.

James 1:22 - Do not merely **listen** to the word, and so **deceive yourselves**. Do what it says.

Listen: means to _____.

Deceive yourself: it means to reach a conclusion by _____ reasoning.

Matthew 7:24 - “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.”

***A lot of us want to highlight our Bible. But the question is, do we let the Bible highlight our lives?**

*James compares the _____ to a _____.

Two types of people:

- people who _____
- people who look _____

James 1:23-24 - Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who **looks** at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

Isaiah 6:5 - "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."

Luke 5:8 - When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!"

The peekers do two things:

1. _____
2. _____ the image to someone else

James 1:25 - But the man who **looks intently** into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it-**he will be blessed in what he does.**

We are to look intently:

- I. I must _____ God's word. (vs. 19-21)
"... accept the Word planted in you ..." (vs. 21)
- II. I must _____ on God's word (vs. 22-25)
- III. I must _____ to God's word (vs. 22-27)

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