

FAMILY MATTERS IN 2020

Feeding Yourself God's Word

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

How do we feed ourselves the word of God?

1. _____ yourself

By _____ up your ears

James 1:19 - My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should **be quick to listen...**

By _____ your mouth

James 1:19 - My dear brothers, take note of this: ... **slow to speak...**

1 Kings 19:12 - After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a **gentle whisper.**

By _____ your temper

James - 1:19 ... and slow to **become angry...**

By removing your bad _____

James 1:21 - ... get rid of all **moral filth**... evil that is so prevalent

2. Evaluate yourself for a _____ spirit

James 1:21 - ... **humbly accept the word planted in you**, which can save you.

Matthew 13:18 -

First soil: _____

Second soil: _____

Third soil: _____

Fourth soil: _____

3. _____ God's word to your life

James 1:22 - Do not **merely listen** (*This word listen means to audit*) to the word, and so **deceive yourselves**.

"Merely listen" means: _____

"Deceive yourselves" means: to reach a false conclusion by false reasoning.

James 1:22-24 - ... **Do what it says**.²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

There are two ways to look into a mirror:

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.

Questions to ask yourself:

How do I live it out? How do I apply it? How do I put it into practice? Every time I read God's Word, I should think about living it out. James is saying to just apply it into my life.