



“HEARERS” AND “DOERS”

JAMES 1:19-25

James 1:19-25 “My dearly loved brothers, understand this: Everybody must be quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger, for man’s anger does not accomplish God’s righteousness.

Therefore, ridding yourselves of all moral filth and evil, humbly receive the implanted word, which is able to save you. But be doers of the word and not

hearers only, deceiving yourselves. Because if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man looking at his own face in a mirror. For he looks at himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But the one who looks intently into the perfect law of freedom and perseveres in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but one

who does good works—this person will be blessed in what he does.”

Are you a “hearer”, a “doer”,
or both?

I. Receptive to God's word

1. A capacity to listen

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b. listening not hearing

Luke 11:28 “He said, Even more, those who hear the word of God and keep it are blessed.”

2. A controlled tongue

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b. stop listening for what you want to hear

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b. CALM DOWN AND RELAX

4. A clean life

a. what do you need to
get rid of

Ephesians 4:31 “All bitterness,
anger and wrath, shouting
and slander must be
removed from you, along
with all malice.”

Hebrews 12:1 “Therefore, since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that so easily ensnares us. Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us.”

b. what is stopping you
from receiving God's
word

Proverbs 6:16 “The Lord hates
six things; in fact, seven are
detestable to Him” ...PRIDE

“I have had more trouble
with myself than any other
man.”

-D.L. Moody

“Humility is to make a right estimate of one’s life.”

-C.H. Spurgeon

“Nothing sets a person so much out of the devils reach as humility.”

-Jonathan Edwards

“The “BIGNESS” of God”

-Genesis 1

II. Receptive to God's word

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b. your first "love" letter

2. It requires reflection

a. do you bother to look
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- a. do you bother to look into the mirror of life
- b. do you remember what you see

3. It requires a response

a. “to whom much is given...”

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a. “to whom much is given...”

b. looking into God’s word requires action

“It is possible to be unfailingly regular in Bible reading but to achieve nothing more than to have moved the bookmark forward. The word is read but not heard.”

-Alex Motyere

Psalm 1:1-2 “How happy is the man who does not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path of sinners or join a group of mockers! Instead, his delight is in the Lord’s instruction, and he meditates on it day and night.”

Psalm 119: 1-16, 30-31