

BEING BLESSED BY THE BIBLE – PART 5 **DEVELOPING A FAITH THAT WORKS**

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PRAISE REPORTS - PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAYER

Read: James 1:19-27

"The person 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." (vs. 25)

JAMES GIVES THREE HELPS BEING BLESSED BY THE BIBLE

I. I MUST R _____ GOD'S WORD. (vs. 19-21) *"... accept the Word planted in you ..."* (vs. 21)

Related Passages - Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23, (The Parable of the Sower)

& 1 Peter 1:23 (Born again by the imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.)

ATTITUDES FOR "GOOD RECEPTION"

- a. **Be C _____** - *"Be quick to listen, slow to speak..."* (vs. 19a)
- b. **Be C _____** - *"... and slow to become angry ..."* (vs.19b)
- c. **Be C _____** - *"Get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent ..."* (vs. 21a)
- d. **Be C _____** - *"Humbly accept the Word planted in you ..."* (vs. 21b)

II. I MUST R _____ ON GOD'S WORD (vs. 22-25)

v. 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 mirror and after looking at himself immediately goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like."*

3 PRACTICAL WAYS TO REFLECT ON GOD'S WORD

1. **R _____ IT** - *"... the man who looks intently into the perfect law..."* (v.25)
2. **R _____ IT** - *"... and continues to do so ..."* (v.25) *meditation*
"...if you continue in My word, then you're truly My disciples." John 8:31-3,
"I meditate on Your word all day long." Ps. 119:97
3. **R _____ IT** - *"... not forgetting what he has heard ..."* (v.25)
"Write things down so we don't let slip what we've heard." Heb. 2:1,
"Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against Thee." Ps. 119:11

III. I MUST R _____ TO GOD'S WORD (vs. 22-27)

"Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. DO WHAT IT SAYS!" (vs. 22)

"The man who puts the Law into practice wins true happiness." (vs. 25 PH)

"Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them." John 13:17

3 EXAMPLES OF RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD (vs.26-27)

- A C _____ MOUTH** - *"If any one considers himself religious and does not keep a tight reign on his tongue he deceives himself and his religion is worthless." (v. 26)*
- A C _____ HEART** - *"Religion that our God and Father accepts as faultless is this. To look after orphans and widows in their distress." (v. 27)*
- A C _____ MIND** - *"To keep oneself from being polluted by the world." (v.27)*