

James: Faith that Works

Becoming Doers of the Word (1:19-25)

Introduction: *Romans 1:16-17*

I. We Must _____ God's Word (vv.19-20)

- A. We Need a Cautious _____: “Be quick to listen”
Matthew 4:4; Psalm 19:9-10, 119:103, 105
- B. We Need a Controlled _____: “slow to speak”
Proverbs 10:19, 17:27-28
- C. We Need a Calm _____: “slow to anger”
Hebrews 4:12

II. We Must _____ God's Word (v.21)

Acts 17:11; 1 Thessalonians 2:13

- A. We Must Reject _____ *Colossians 3:5-10;*
Ephesians 4:20-24
- B. We Must Cultivate _____ *Jeremiah 31:31-33;*
Ezekiel 36:24-27

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What does “the implanted word” mean? God’s Word is like a seed that roots itself into our open hearts, transform our lives. As its roots grow deeper, our lives produce richer fruit.

III. We Must _____ God’s Word (vv.22-25)

“Happy is that man who possesses a Bible! Happier still is he who reads it! Happiest of all is he who not only reads it, but obeys it, and makes it the rule of his faith and practice.” –J.C. Ryle

We cannot look into the mirror of God’s Word very long without seeing ourselves for who we really are and how we really live.

A. We Tend to Forgetfully _____ (vv.23-24)

B. We Should Thoughtfully _____ (v.25)

What does it mean for the Bible to be a *perfect law of freedom*?

- It is a LAW because it was given by God for the express purpose of guiding our lives and regulating our conduct.
- It is PERFECT because it was given by God Himself.
- It brings FREEDOM because it alone shows us the way to liberty from the slavery of sin and death.