

# Be Doers of the Word

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► James 1:19-27

# Introduction

- ▶ James was writing to Jewish believers who were scattered as a result of persecution (1:1-2).
- ▶ He wrote to encourage them to hold on to the word and practice it.
- ▶ Chapter 1 talks about seeing persecution as testing of our faith and being resolute to stand by the word. In 1:19-27, we are introduced to the fact that we must not only hear the word but be doers of it.



# The Word of God (John 1:1- 4, 14)

1. It pre-existed before all things (v. 1).
2. It is the self-revelation of God (v. 1).
3. It is the creative power of God (v. 3).
4. It is life (v. 4).
5. It is light (v. 4).
6. It is JESUS (v. 14).

# How to Receive the Word

Swift to hear (v. 19): Rom.  
10:17; Rev. 1:3

Slow to speak (v. 19): Prov.  
10:19; 15:1

Slow to wrath (v. 19-20): Prov.  
14:29; Eccl. 7:9

Lay aside all filthiness and  
overflow of wickedness (v. 21):  
Eph. 4:22; 1 Pet. 2:1

Receive with meekness (v. 21):  
Js. 3:13; Titus 3:2

# Two Kinds of Receivers

1. Hearers of the Word (v. 22-24).
2. Doers of the Word (v. 25).

# 1. Hearers of the Word

- ▶ They are hearers only (v. 22-23): They are swift to hear the Word.
- ▶ They are in deception (v. 22): They only hear and not do the Word.
- ▶ They are passive observers (v. 23): They casually look into the Word.
- ▶ They are forgetful hearers (v. 24): They immediately forget what they hear.

They only hear without doing:  
Matthew 13:18-22; Heb. 4:2 (e.g. newspaper reading)

## 2. Doers of the Word

- ▶ They look into the perfect law of liberty (v. 25): They read the Word.
- ▶ They continue in it (v. 25): They delight and meditate in it day and night.
- ▶ They are not forgetful hearers (v. 25): The Word remains in them.
- ▶ They are doers of the work (v. 25): Apply what they hear to their lives.
- ▶ They will be blessed in what they do (v. 25): They produce fruit.

They hear and do the Word:  
Matthew 13:23; 1 John 3:22 (e.g. exams I failed 2 times and passed)

# Fruits of the Doer

Fruit of the mouth (v. 26):  
'Bridle his tongue'. (Col. 4:6; 1  
Pet. 3:10)

Fruit of love (v. 27): 'Visit  
orphans and widows'. (Ps.  
65:5; Deut. 14:28-29)

Fruit of righteousness (v. 27):  
'Keep oneself unspotted from  
the world'. (Js. 4:4; 1 Jn.  
2:15)





# Matthew

## 7:24-27

# PRAYER (James 1:25)

► May we be DOERS OF THE  
WORD of God and not hearers  
only.