

Hearing and Doing

Day One – Receive God’s Word

Read James 1:19-21 James writes, “humbly accept the word planted in you”. When we accept God’s word we are transformed. How can your thoughts be more focused on His word? What transformation have you seen in your life from understanding His word?

Pray and reflect on these verses. Ask God to reveal any sin that could be interfering with your understanding of the verses or hindering you from producing the fruits: “quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry”. (v.19)

Day Two – Practice God’s Word

Read James 1:22-25 We need to hear God’s word in order to become “doers” of the word. What is one way you can practice God’s word? How can you remember His word and also put it into practice in your daily life?

Pray and ask God how to walk out what you know about the word.

Grow – Ask yourself if it would be helpful to be more connected with the word. Is there a class, group, or study that you could get involved in to help you grow?

Day Three – Share God’s Word

Read James 1:26-27 The words that come out of our mouths reveal our hearts. How do you “keep a tight rein” on your tongue? How does looking after widows and orphans apply to you?

Pray and ask God to help you see opportunities to speak about Jesus. Ask Him to protect you as you go into the world but not be “polluted by the world.”

Serve - Seek out an opportunity to practice your faith by serving either at New Life Church or in the community.

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James – Doing Church Right #2

James 1:19-27

James 1:19-27 (NIV) ¹⁹ My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, ²⁰ because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.

²¹ Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. ²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵ But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

²⁶ Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

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James 1:18 (NIV) ¹⁸ He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

1 Peter 2:1-2 (NIV) ¹ Therefore rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. ² Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,

2. Practice the word.

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Luke 11:28 (NIV) ²⁸ He replied, “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.”

Romans 8:2 (NIV) ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

3. Share the word.

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Galatians 6:3 (NIV) ³ If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves.

Exodus 22:22 (NIV) ²² “Do not take advantage of the widow or the fatherless.