

God's Word.

****James 1:25** "But the man 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."

1. Obedient believers control their tongue.

****James 1:26** "If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue deceives himself, and his religion is worthless."

Matthew 12:34b "... For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks."

Matthew 12:36 "But I tell you that men will have to give an account on the day of judgement for every careless word they have spoken."

2. Obedient believers care for those in need.

****James 1:27** "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and"

3. Obedient believers avoid the corruption of this world.

****James 1:27b** "... to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."

How can I apply this passage in my life?

A. Have you trusted Jesus to be your Lord and Savior?

I Corinthians 15:3 "For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ^[4] That He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."

B. Do you have a desire and thirst for the Word of God?

I Peter 2:2 "Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation."

C. Are you obeying the Word of God?

John 14:15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

The Word of God

James 1:18-27

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Job 2:12 "I have not departed from the commands of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my daily bread."

Psalms 119:72 "The law from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold."

2 Timothy 3:16 "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ^[17] So that, the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

James 1:13 "When tempted no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He tempt anyone."

James 1:17 "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows."

I. We are saved by hearing the Word of God!

A. We were given a spiritual birth.

****James 1:18** "He chose to give us birth through the Word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of all He created."

1. God uses messengers to share the gospel.

Romans 10:14 "How then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?"

Acts 16:14 "One of those listening was a woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message."

Acts 17:3 "Explaining and proving that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead. "This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Christ," He said. ^[4] Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and not a few prominent women."

Acts 17:32 "When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered, but others said, "We want to hear you again on this subject. ^[33] A few men became followers of Paul and believed. Among them was Dionysius, a member of the Areopagus, also a woman named Damaris, and a number of others."

2. God uses the message from God's Word to save people.

Romans 10:17 “Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message and the message is heard through the Word of Christ.”

2 Thessalonians 2:13 “And we also thank God continually because, when you received the Word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the Word of God, which is at work in you who believe.”

Romans 3:10 As it is written: “There is no one righteous; not even one; ^[11] There is no one who understands, no one who seeks God.”

Ephesians 2:1 “As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins.”

Luke 19:10 “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.”

3. God saves people through the might of the Holy Spirit.

John 16:8 “When He comes, He will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment.”

Acts 8:37 “When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

Ephesians 1:13 “And you also were included in Christ when you heard the Word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit.”

B. We are the first fruits of the Gospel harvest.

****James 1:18b** “... that we might be a kind of first fruits of all He created.”

II. We are to submit to the Word of God.

A. Listen to God’s Word!

****James 1:19a** “My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen,”

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

John 10:27 “My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.”

Revelation 3:20 “Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.”

B. Be silent so you can hear the Word!

****James 1:19b** “... slow to speak”

Proverbs 18:13 “He who answers before listening – that is his folly and his shame.”

Proverbs 17:27 “A man of knowledge uses words with restraint, and a man of understanding is even-tempered.”

C. Don’t get angry and disobey the Word!

****James 1:19c** “... and slow to become angry.”

****James 1:20** “For man’s anger does not bring the righteousness life that God desires.”

III. We are to set aside evil to receive the Word of God.

A. We must have a prepared heart before we receive God’s Word.

****James 1:21a** “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.”

B. We must have a proper attitude to receive God’s Word.

****James 1:21b** “... and humbly accept the Word planted in you, which can save you.”

2 Timothy 3:15 “And how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”

Psalms 119:9 “How can a young man keep His way pure? By living according to your Word. ^[10] I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. ^[11] I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.”

IV. We are to strive actively to obey the Word of God.

A. We must practice what God’s Word says.

****James 1:22** “Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”

B. We miss the positive changes God makes when we disobey.

****James 1:23** “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.”

****James 1:24** “And, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.”

C. We will enjoy precious blessings when we obey