

YOU ARE TO BE A DOER NOT JUST A HEARER OF THE WORD

(James 1:22-25)

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A. You Are to Do More than Merely Listen to the Word (1:22-25)

1. Whereas verses 19-21 stress the importance of _____ to the Word, verses 22-25 emphasize the necessity of _____ the Word into _____, i.e., applying it.

2. The imperative given here is only for the child of God; you are to be a walking _____ (2 Cor. 3:2-3), because you may be the only “_____” someone “reads”. (v. 22a, cf. Matt. 5:13-16)

3. Believers who only “hear” the Word are _____ themselves, they go to church and mark up their Bibles, but their Bibles do not _____ them. (v. 22b)

* What does this say about “sermon sippers”?

* Is it God’s perfect will for some believers to be only hearers?

4. James uses an illustration to communicate the dangers of this carefree attitude...
- a. Believers merely _____ at themselves casually, they do not _____ themselves as they read the Word, and their flaws remain undetected. (v. 23)

 - b. Other Christians _____ to _____ on their discovery of what the Word tells them to do and they simply “walk away”. (v. 24a)

* What do they falsely assume about the two commands *hearing* and *doing*?

- c. Regrettably they can _____ what they see; but if they were really looking carefully what they would discover about themselves would be _____. (v. 24b)
5. The doer of the Word, on the other hand, gives _____ to “*the perfect law of liberty*” and perseveres; he is a doer that _____ upon it. (v. 25a)

* What “*law*” is James most likely talking about? (Gal. 6:2; Matt. 22:37-40; John 14:15)

6. God’s Word is able to give the beholder a true and _____ revelation of himself, and he is _____ in living it out in a godly manner. (v. 25b)

* How can you apply this truth in your own life?