

# Is Your Faith Working?

## A Study of James

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### "How To Benefit From The Bible"

James 1:19-27

"But if you look closely into the perfect law that sets people free, and keep on paying attention to it and do not simply listen and then forget it, but put it into practice - you will be blessed by God in what you do." (1:25 TEV)

#1. I must \_\_\_\_\_ God's word.

"...accept the word planted in you..." (1:21)

Attitudes for good reception - "hearing-aides"

(1) Be \_\_\_\_\_

"...be quick to listen, slow to speak..." (1:19)

(2) Be \_\_\_\_\_

"...and slow to become angry..." (1:19b)

(3) Be \_\_\_\_\_

"Get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent..." (1:21a)

(4) Be \_\_\_\_\_

"...humbly accept the word of God planted in you..." (1:21b)

#2. I must \_\_\_\_\_ on God's word.

"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 and after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like." (1:23)

"The word of God is full of living power. It is sharper than the sharpest knife, cutting deep into our innermost thoughts and desires. It exposes us for what we really are." (Heb. 4:12 NLT)

How to reflect on God's Word:

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ .

"...the man who looks intently into the perfect law..." (1:25a)

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ .

"...and continues to do this..." (1:25b)

"I meditate on Your Word all day long." (Psalm 119:97)

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ .

"...not forgetting what he has heard..." (1:25c)

"Thy word I have hid in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee" (Psalm 119:11 KJV)

#3. I must \_\_\_\_\_ to God's word.

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." (1:22)

"The man who puts the Law into practice wins true happiness." (1:25 Phillips)

"Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them." (John 13:17)

Unless otherwise noted, all scripture references are taken from  
The New International version of the Bible.