

**Series "Marks Of Maturity"**  
**"The Word"**  
**James 1:19-27**  
**Study-3**

**The proper relationship between those who are spiritual and God is through their relationship to His Word. John 17:17**

**James is concerned about the believers' self-deception.**

**James 1:22 delude themselves.**

**James 1:24 forgotten what kind of person he was.**

**James 1:26 deceives his own heart,**

**Thought Of Our Passage:** "Maturity Is Hearing, And Receiving The Word In Humility With A Desire For The Application Of The Word."

**1. Verses 19-20 Hearing The Word:**

**2. Verse 21 Receiving The Word:**

**3. Verses 22-27 Doing The Word:**

**1. Verses 19-20 Hearing The Word:**

**James 1:19 This you know,**

Literally - "*keep this in mind,*" or "*remember this.*"

*"I am not telling you anything new."* **Know what?**

**Context - James 1:18** Believers have been brought forth by The Revelation of His Word, and received God's goodness, **should lead to obedience of the Word.**

**Hearing God's Word Involves Three Actions:**

**1. Give Full Attention To The Word: my beloved brethren.**

**But everyone must be quick to hear,** "*be swift and eager to receive God's Word, students of the Word.*" Personal copies of Scripture were rare.

The way of learning was through hearing the teaching and hearing of the Word.

**Matthew 13:9 "He who has ears, let him hear."** (Give Attention)

**Romans 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.**

**Matthew 13:13;**

**Hebrews 5:11 become dull** ("*no push,*" no energy in listening, were half asleep)

**must be quick to hear** "*swift in listening*"

The example in **(1 Samuel 3)**, when little Samuel was at the age of four or five  
**"The very essence of being a good conversationalist is that of being a good listener."**

**2. Control Your Tongue: slow to speak (not slow of talking, but slow to talk). Caution about arguing with Scripture or the person proclaiming God's Word.**

**Ecclesiastes 5:2; Proverbs 10:19;17:27**

**3. Control Your Anger: and slow to anger;**

Literally - "*an ongoing attitude of bitterness and dislike, resentful feelings.*"

We can get angry at God, **Ephesians 4:26-27**

If we are angry at God, won't be able to hear God **Proverbs 14:29**

**James 1:20**

**for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God.**

We get angry at God and His Word it hinders what God needs to do.

**Proverbs 29:22**

**What we should get angry over is sin itself.**

**When we are angry at God, it shows that we are not mature.**

## **2. Verse 21 Receiving The Word:**

**James 1:21 Clean Up Your Life: Therefore putting aside all filthiness** the word **Therefore, is Therefore?** (Don't be angry submit to God's Word) **putting aside** "*putting off of shabby dirty cloths*" **all filthiness** "*wax in the ear.*" Sin is like wax in the ear that prevents the Word of truth from coming

**and all that remains of wickedness** "*excess of waywardness*"

**1. Confessing Our Sins Is First:** That means to agree with God that we are at fault.

**2. Ask God To Plow The Hard/Heart Of Disobedience, Make It Right:**

**3. Be Humble And Receive The Word: in humility** – "*meek, gentle*"

**Duty: receive** - "*welcome, to hear the Word*" **the word implanted,**

God already placed His Word/Salvation (**James 1:18**)

James is asking them to accept the demands

*We are to accept God's Word, not to argue with it, not try and make it teach what we want it to say.* **Acts 17:11; 1 Thessalonians 2:13**

**James calls "The Word Of God, The Word Implanted."**

**Mark 4:1-20** Parable "Sower & The Seed" "Four Conditions Of The Heart"

**1. The Hard Heart** - (Soil along the path) Some hear the message no effect!

**2. The Shallow Heart** - (Among the rocks) It is emotional, no depth.

**3. The Crowded Heart** - (Among the thorns) lack repentance and permit sin to come in.

**4. The Fruitful Heart** - Hear the message, and a life transformation is produced.

**which is able to save your souls.**

Salvation (Deliverance) from present sin, habits.

### **3. Verses 22-27 Doing The Word:**

#### **James 1:22 But -**

It is not enough to be one who has prepared himself to hear the Word or is a good hearer of the Word.

#### **The Command: prove yourselves doers of the word,**

*"To submit to its authority and comply with its requirements."*

**Deuteronomy 29:29** Jesus taught it: **Luke 11:28**

#### **doers of the word,**

Notice James did not say, **"do the Word."** The phrase **"doer of the Word"** speaks of the kind of person, versus just some act that is performed.

#### **and not merely hearers -**

*Speaks of "a casual listener or auditor."*

No notes, no tests, no grade, just auditing.

#### **who delude themselves.**

Auditing a sermon or a study, listening, and remembering, does not mean a thing if it is not put into practice.

**James 1:23 mirror -** In the New Testament, this was a piece of polished metal, usually brass, copper, tin, or silver, which gave an imperfect image to the beholder.

**Mirror A Picture Of The Word Of God:** What is the purpose of a mirror?

It is for examination. So that we can see ourselves as we truly are.

**Casual Approach:** Some merely glance at themselves: **hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror;**

**We read our Bibles out of duty, and we don't take the time to let the Bible show us the truth about ourselves.**

**James 1:24 (Attention) Forget What We See: gone away, (departed)**

Person does not return to the mirror for a second look.

**James 1:25 Careful Approach: one who looks intently - Peter stooping down to get a better look in the empty tomb. "stooping or bending over its pages."**

**The Word Is Like The Law That Guides Our Life: the perfect law, the law of liberty** Because when we obey, it sets us free. **John 8:34**

1. God's Word **Brings Examination** - it exposes.
2. God's Word **Restores**. The Word washes us - **John 15:3**
3. The Word **Transforms** us -

**2 Corinthians 3:18 transformed**

**(change) - "metamorphosis",**

A change on the outside that comes from the inside.

(Caterpillar to a cocoon to a butterfly)

**Meditation: and abides by it,**

Doer is characterized by a continuation in his study of God's word.

**effectual doer**, *"effective, useful, powerful doer"*

**this man shall be blessed in what he does.**

Literally - *"This man shall be blessed in his doing"*

**"Real freedom isn't doing whatever we desire; real freedom is doing what God desires. That's the purpose behind creation."**

**James 1:26 If anyone thinks himself to be religious,**

Term **religious** *"the outward practice, showing great detail to formal religion."*

**James 1:25 effectual doer –**

**James Gives Three Tests For Applied Christianity:**

- 1. Verse 26 - The Test Of Truth & Your Speech: and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is worthless.**

**It is the tongue that reveals what is really in the heart.**

**Matthew 12:34-35**

- 2. Verse 27 - Test Of Truth & Your Compassion: Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress,**

**Our relationship with God produces a practical Christianity that reaches out to others in need.**

- 3. Verse 27 - The Test Of Truth & Your Holiness: and to keep oneself unstained by the world.**

*Moral purity, personal integrity, world - "society without God."*

**Matthew 5:16**

**Application:**

**1. To Hear God's Word,** Give Full Attention To The Word, Don't Argue With God's Word, Don't Be Angry At God And His Word.

**2. To Receive God's Word,** We Must Put Off All Known Sin. In Humility, Welcome The Word Of God That Delivers Us From Present Sin, And Temptations.

**3. Doing The Word,** A Doer Of The Word Does Not Perform Certain Religious Tasks. A Doer Of The Word Is A Lifestyle Of God Revealing, And The Believer Doing In Both Words And Their Actions.