

James – Small Group Study Week 3

Verses for the week: James 1:19-25

Hearing and Doing the Word

19Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; **20**for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. **21**Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

22But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. **23**For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. **24**For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. **25**But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

Questions:

1. According to this passage, what kind of mindset does it take to receive the Word of God? How does failing to abide by the commands of verse 19 effect this?
2. What kind of a man or woman is only a hearer of the Word, and not a doer? How do a hearer and a doer differ?

Quote of the week: The present is the point at which time touches eternity. CS Lewis

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