

Sermon Notes

How to be Blessed by God (Part 1)

James 1:21-25

“Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls.” (James 1:21)

Prepare

“Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness...”

Plant

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For Further Thought and Discussion

Getting Started

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?
2. What areas of your life do you sense God is blessing? What areas would you like to have His blessing? Do you think it is wrong for you to want more of God's blessings?

Going Deeper

3. Please read James 1:21. How does this verse fit into the previous context (vs. 18-20)?
4. Please read Luke 8:11-15. How does this parable explain why James first tells us to put all filthiness and wickedness aside before receiving God's word? How do you need to prepare the soil of your heart to better receive God's word? What do you need to put aside in order for the word to do its work in you?
5. Why do we need to receive the word with humility? In what ways can pride blind us to what the Scriptures are really saying to us?
6. Why do you think James adds the word, "implanted" to the way we receive God's word? How do we plant the word deep within us so that it may do its work?
7. What are some practical ways you can better prepare yourself for and then plant the Scriptures in you?

Application

What is one thing you can do this week to apply this passage?