

## Sermon Notes

### How to be Blessed by God (Part 2)

James 1:21-25

#### The Practice of the Word

##### A Warning

*“But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was.”* (James 1:22-24) NASB

##### A Promise

*“But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.”* (James 1:25) NASB

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#### What to Look for:

Context

Repeated words or ideas

Contrasts

Lists

Cause-effects

Commands

What is this passage about?

*"...not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer..."*

### **How to apply what you discover**

*"All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, reproof, correction and training in righteousness that the man of God may be adequate and equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17*

What did I learn? (teaching)

Where do I fall short? (reproof)

What will I correct? (correction)

How will I practice this correction until it becomes a habit? (training in righteousness)

Reminder

Routine

Reward

## **For Further Thought and Discussion**

### **Getting Started**

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?
2. In what areas of your life do you practice what the Scriptures command? In what areas do you not? Why have you applied certain parts of the Bible but not others?

### **Going Deeper**

3. Please read James 1:22-24. Why does James say that the hearer but not the doer of the Bible is only deluding him or herself? Why does James compare the Bible to a mirror? Can you think of examples of this kind of delusion in the Bible? Can you think of examples from today?

4. Please read James 1:25. What contrasts do you see between the hearer and the doer of the Word? Why is careful reading of the Scripture necessary for practicing it? Do you gaze or glance at the Scriptures?
5. Please read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. How can the four uses of Scripture be used as a tool for becoming a doer of the Word?
6. For practice, choose one truth you learn from James 1:21-25 and fill in the following.  
What is the teaching or lesson you learned?  
Where do you fall short?  
What will you correct?  
How will you practice this correction until it becomes a new habit?

**Application**

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