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Worship Service
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JAMES: Real Faith, Real Life

Lesson Eight • James 1:22-25

Doing God's Word

How Do We Grow in Our New Life That Began with Our New Birth?

By receiving God's Word humbly and DOING God's Word wholeheartedly.

Why Be Doers of the Word, and Not Hearers Only?

Hearing God's Word and not doing it leads to DECEPTION (vs. 22-24), but hearing God's Word and doing it leads to BLESSING (vs. 25).

Doing God's Word Wholeheartedly

1. Don't Be a Forgetful HEARER of God's Word!

Illustration of a Mirror

The forgetful hearer is like a man who LOOKS at his face in the mirror but goes away and FORGETS what he was like (vs. 23-24).

The Mirror of God's Word

Just as a mirror is honest in accurately reflecting our OUTWARD condition, God's Word is honest in accurately reflecting our INWARD condition.

How will you respond to what you see in the mirror of God's Word?

Deception of Forgetful Hearers

They DECEIVE themselves, thinking they are living out real faith in real life when they are not (vs. 22).

2. Be a Faithful DOERS of God's Word!

Faithful Doers...

- LOOK intently into God's Word (vs. 25).
- REMEMBER constantly God's Word (vs. 25).
- OBEY wholeheartedly God's Word (vs. 25).

Motivation of Faithful Doers

They will be BLESSED by God in what they do in this life and for all eternity (vs. 25).

What Makes the Difference Between Being Deceived and Being Blessed?

Both the man with the mirror and the man with the Word LOOK intently. Each is equally focused and serious in their gaze.

The difference is the man with the mirror goes away and FORGETS what he saw, but the man with the Word perseveres and ACTS on what he saw.

"Be doers of the Word, and not hearers only!"