

PRESSURE POINTS

A Study of the Book of James

Part 3

A Faith that Works

James 1:19 (NKJV) So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20 for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. 21 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. 22 But 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 observing his natural face in a mirror; 24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. 25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does. 26 If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless. 27 Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

3 STEPS needed to develop A Faith that Works.

1. I MUST _____ GOD'S WORD

21 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

4 ATTITUDES needed to be blessed by God's word.

1) Be _____.

v19 "...be swift to hear..." "..."be slow to speak..."

Revelation 3:22 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

2) Be _____.

"...slow to wrath/anger..."

3) Be _____.

21a Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness... (naughtiness)

"Lay aside all of the emotional garbage, the old habits, the junk in your life so that God's word can get through to you."

1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, He's faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

(TLB) "Get rid of all that's wrong in your life, both inside and out."

4) Be _____.

"...and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls."

2. I MUST _____ GOD'S WORD

23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; 24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. 25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

"God's word detects the thoughts, intents, motives and desires of the heart."

3. I MUST _____ GOD'S WORD

22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

(NLT) But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.

(AMP) But prove yourselves doers of the word (actively and continually obeying God's precepts), and not merely listeners (who hear the word but fail to internalize its meaning), deluding (misleading) yourselves (by unsound reasoning contrary to the truth).

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only

"If you want to be blessed, you've got to live the word of God, not just hear it."

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