

# Be a Doer, Not Just a Hearer

James 1:22-25

When we hear God's Word, it needs to change our lives!

## A. The Command to be a Doer. 1:22

1. The positive. But prove yourselves doers of the word.
2. The negative. Not merely hearers
3. The danger: Self-delusion
4. What can be said about the person who says he knows God, but doesn't obey Him? 1 John 2:3-6
5. Jesus' story. Matthew 21:28-32. Father with a vineyard and two sons:
6. Conclusion: We prove our love for God by our obedience, not by our Bible knowledge.

## B. Those Who Only Hear. 1:23-24

1. The condition. A hearer, not a doer 1:23
2. The comparison. Like a man who looks in mirror
3. The perception. He looks carefully 1:24
4. The amnesia. He has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was..

## C. Those Who Do. 1:25

1. Observant:
  - a. The perfect Law; the Law of Liberty
  - b. God's Word is restrictive to the world, liberating to the obedient Christian.

2. Obedient: He abides by it; he's not a forgetful hearer but an effective doer.

Example. Ezra reading the Law to Israel. Ezra 8-10

- a. There was a reading of the Law. 8:1-12
  - b. They celebrated the Feast of Booths. 8:13-18
  - c. There was confession. 9:1-37
  - d. The commitment of Leaders. 9:1-10:27
  - e. The commitment of People. 10:28-39
  - f. What happened? When they heard God's Word, it changed their lives!
3. Rewarded: This man will be rewarded in what he does.
    - a. A Case Study
    - b. If we obey God's Word, we will be blessed in this life, and rewarded in the next.

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3. The perception: He has looked at himself and \_\_\_\_\_ 1:24
4. The amnesia: He has \_\_\_\_\_ what kind of person he \_\_\_\_\_.

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