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How To Be Blessed By The Bible

James 1:19-27

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"The man who looks intently into the Perfect Law that gives freedom and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does." (v. 25)

A. I MUST _____ GOD'S WORD (v. 19-21)

"... accept the Word planted in you ..." (v. 21)

Matt. 13:1-9, 18-23, 1 Peter 1:23

ATTITUDES FOR "GOOD RECEPTION" (Spiritual "hearing aids")

1. _____ (v. 19a)

"Be quick to listen, slow to speak ..."

2. _____ (v. 19b)

"... and slow to become angry."

3. _____ (v. 21a)

"... Get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent ..."

4. _____ (v. 21b)

"... and humbly accept the Word planted in you."

B. I MUST _____ ON GOD'S WORD (v. 22-25)

God's Word is like a mirror 2 Cor. 3:18; 2 Tim. 2:7

1. _____
"... the man who looks intently into the perfect law ..."

S - Is there a _____ to confess?

P - Is there a _____ to claim?

A - Is there an _____ to change?

C - Is there a _____ to obey?

E - Is there an _____ to follow?

P - Is there a _____ to pray?

E - Is there an _____ to avoid?

T - Is there a _____ to believe?

S - Is there _____ to thank God for?

2. _____
"... and continues to do so ..."

John 8:31-3, Ps. 119:97, Joshua 1:8

3. _____
"... not forgetting what he has heard ..." (John 15:7, Heb. 2:1, Ps. 119:11)

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C. I MUST _____ TO GOD'S WORD (v. 22-27)

"Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says!" (v. 22)

Examples (v. 26-27):

1. _____ Mouth

2. _____ Heart

3. _____ Mind

SMALL GROUP / FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

James 1:19-27 is all about: *Listening and Doing*

OPEN IT:

- Who do you admire as a religious or spiritual role model?
- How does it affect you when a person is caught doing what he or she tells others *not* to do?
- When are you most likely to lose your temper?

EXPLORE IT:

- What instruction did James give about the relationship between speaking, listening, and anger? (1:19)
- What is the relationship between anger and righteous living? (1:20)
- What should a Christian clean out of his or her life? (1:21)
- What is the relationship between listening to God's word and doing it? (1:22)
- What analogy did James use to describe a person who does not do what the Bible says? (1:23-24)
- What promise did James give the person who studies God's word and practices it? (1:25)
- What does the Bible give to people? (1:25)
- How is a person's speech related to the credibility of his or her faith? (1:26)
- What did James describe as pure religion? (1:27)
- What is pure religion? (1:27)

GET IT:

- What makes it hard for us to be good listeners?
- How can being quick to speak and quick to anger get you into trouble?
- How do displays of anger and temper affect the witness of a Christian?
- What attitudes and habits can inhibit our growth as disciples of Christ?
- What makes it hard for us to practice what we know to be good?
- How does our speech reflect our relationship with God?
- How have you experienced freedom by doing the Word of God?
- What can we do to help widows and orphans?
- In what ways can the world pollute us?
- How can we keep ourselves from being polluted by the world?

APPLY IT:

- In what situations this week will you need to curb your anger? How can you?
- What do you need to change in your actions this week to match your talk?
- Whom will you help this week in obedience to God's Word?