

## Doers of the Word - James 1

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### James 1:17-25 ESV

17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

18 Of his own will he brought us forth (*apokyeō* - bring forth from the womb, give birth) by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits (*aparchē* - first offerings, superior in excellence to others) of his creatures.

1 Peter 1:23 ESV

23 since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God;

*The Word of God, implanted in our spirit by regeneration, contains as in a seed the fullness of God's life, power and character.*

John 1:12-13 ESV

12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,  
13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

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19 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger;

20 for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

21 Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted

(*emphytos* - inborn, implanted by nature) word, which is able to save (*sōzō* - to save, keep safe and sound, wholeness, to preserve) your souls.

Ephesians 4:22-24 ESV

22 ...put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires,  
23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds,  
24 and to put on (*endyō* - put on clothing, be clothed) the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

*We make the choice in our free will. The Word of God provides the power and life to live accordingly.*

Isaiah 55:10-11 ESV

10 "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

*The Word of God creates in you what it requires of you.*

Colossians 3:16 ESV

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

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

1 Corinthians 8:1 NASB "Knowledge makes arrogant, but love edifies."

James 1:26 ESV

26 If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless.

1 Corinthians 3:18 ESV

18 Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise.

1 Corinthians 6:9 ESV

9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality,

1 Corinthians 15:33 ESV

33 Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals."

Galatians 6:3 ESV

3 For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

Galatians 6:7 ESV

7 Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.

1 John 1:8 ESV

8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

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**23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror.**

**24 For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.**

**25 But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres** (*paramenō - to remain beside, continue always near*), **being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.**

*Continuing in the Word of God starts with remembering and not forgetting, but is much more than just mental remembrance. It is giving the Word of God the place of Lordship in your life and drawing upon the life and power in the Word to enable our obedience.*

Psalm 1:1-3 ESV

1 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

2 but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

Hebrews 4:9-13 ESV

9 So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God,

10 for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his. [KJV "...ceased from his own works..."]

11 Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.

12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.