

February 5, 2023
James 1:19-25

GETTING A GRIP ON SCRIPTURE

I. Introduction:

Key Verse: ²⁵“But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.”
James 1:25

II. Unpacking The Passage:

If We Are To Be Blessed By The Bible, There Are Three Things That We Must Do:

A. _____ The Word

4 Attitudes To Be Blessed By The Bible

- Be _____ (Vs. 19)
- Be _____ (Vs. 19)
- Be _____ (Vs. 21)
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B. _____ On The Word

“Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror [24] and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.” James 1:23-24

- **Read The Word (Vs. 25)**

Nine Things To Look For S.P.A.C.E.P.E.T.S.

- Is there a **S** _____ to avoid?
- Is there a **P** _____ to claim?
- Is there an **A** _____ to change?
- Is there a **C** _____ to obey
- Is there an **E** _____ to follow?

Is there a **P**_____ to pray?
Is there an **E**_____ to avoid?
Is there A **T**_____ to believe?
Is there **S**_____ to Praise or Thank God For?

- Review The Word

“Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. [2] But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he **meditates** day and night.” Joshua 1:8

Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; **meditate** on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Joshua 1:8

- Remember The Word

[25] But 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.” James 1:25

C. _____ To The Word

Apply God’s Word To Our Daily Lives

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. **Do what it says.**” James 1:22

“the man who puts the law into practice will be blessed **in what he does.**” James 1:25

Jesus said, “Now that you know these things **you will be blessed if you do them.**” John 13:17

The test of spiritual maturity is allowing God’s Word to change us so that we become more like Christ.

Points To Ponder
Week of May 31st to June 6th
James 1:19-15

Open It:

1. Who do you admire as a religious or spiritual role model?
2. How does it affect you when a person is caught doing what he or she tells others not to do?

Explore It:

3. *What instruction did James give about the relationship between speaking, listening, and anger? (1:19)
4. *What is the relationship between anger and righteous living? (1:20)
5. *What should a Christian clean out of his or her life? (1:21)
6. What is the relationship between listening to God's Word and doing it? (1:22)
7. What analogy did James use to describe a person who does not do what the Bible says? (1:23-24)
8. What promise did James give to the person who studies God's Word and practices it? (1:25)
9. What does the Bible give to people? (1:25)

Get It:

10. What makes it hard for us to be good listeners?
11. *How can being quick to speak and quick to anger get you into trouble?

12. *How do displays of anger and temper affect the witness of a Christian?
13. What attitudes and habits can inhibit our growth as disciples of Christ?
14. What makes it hard for us to practice what we know to be good?
15. How have you experienced freedom by doing the Word of God?

Apply It:

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