

III. **Your faith will only pass the test of living faith when you are a doer, when your faith is shown by your actions.**

*<sup>26</sup> If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.*

Three ways

- By the way you use your words...
- By the way you help and serve others
- By the way you live your life

James is telling his readers

- V. 2-12. You will go through trials
- V. 13-15. You will be tempted
- V. 16-18 But God has given you a great gift, “**The word of truth**” so you can support the trials and be strong in the temptation
- V.19 -20 So the word of God is the most important tool in your life therefore be: QUICK to Listen....
- V. 21-22 How do you process the Word of God for it to act to it’s fullest potential in your Life.
  - Listen
  - Receive
  - Implant
  - Do it
- V. 23-25 If you don’t do, you are only deceiving yourselves...
- Our true Faith, our true transformation of the Word of God in our lives can only be shown by your actions.... V.26-27

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?????



Grace Norwalk. - James Pt. 9. 1:21-27

“How to hear and process Gods word that will result in a transform life.”

Pastor Oscar Chavez

**CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW!!!**

**1:19. let every man be quick to listen,**

Trials. V. 2-12

Temptation. V.13-15

**Why did James command them to be quick to hear Gods Word?**

1. **As they were experiencing trials, is the Word of God will give them comfort.**

*Psalm 119*

*<sup>49</sup> Remember the word to Your servant, Upon which You have caused me to hope.*

*<sup>50</sup> This is my comfort in my affliction, For Your word has given me life.*

2. **As they were experiencing temptations, the Word of God will give them strength to say no!!**

3. **As they have been deceived, the Word of God will guide them to the truth.**

*<sup>16</sup> Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren....*

*<sup>19</sup> let every man be quick to listen....*

**In receiving God’s word, what seems to be the problem? Is it the sermon or is it the recipient of the sermon?**

**James 1**

*<sup>19</sup> Therefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to wrath.*

*<sup>20</sup> for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.*

*<sup>21</sup> Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.*

*<sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*

*<sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man viewing his natural face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup> For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. <sup>25</sup> 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 will not return empty

Isaiah 55:10-11

- <sup>10</sup> *“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,*  
<sup>11</sup> *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.*

## James tells them how to receive the Word of God that will result in a transform life:

### I. The process of receiving Gods Word.

#### A. What to do before receiving Gods Word?

V.21 - Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness

Get rid of:

- “All Filthiness”
- “Overflow of wickedness”

- **Filthiness:** *rhuparia*. Refers to the term used of wax in the ear which impairs the hearing, blocks the mind.
- **Overflow of wickedness:** *Kakia*. It pertains to sin that may reside deep in your heart, it may be sin that only God and you know of “Overflow of sin”

#### B. What to do during the time you are listening to the Word of God:

How to process God's Word in your life: 1:19-22  
four step process:

<sup>19</sup> quick to listen. With the purpose of understanding

<sup>21</sup> and receive with meekness. You accept God's word as the true Word of God...

the implanted word

<sup>22</sup> But be doers

## Examples of a hearer but not a doer:

We hear a sermon on:

**Ephe. 4:26-27**

<sup>26</sup> *Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,<sup>27</sup> and give no opportunity to the devil.....*

**Matthew 7:12**

<sup>12</sup> *“So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.*

**28:**

<sup>18</sup> *And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in<sup>al</sup> the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

Charles Spurgeon

*I fear we have many such in all congregations admiring hearers, affectionate hearers, attached hearers, but all the while unblessed hearers, because they are not doers of the word*

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the Greek word translated viewing = careful scrutiny

### II. When you are a doer of the Word you will do the Work of the Lord

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