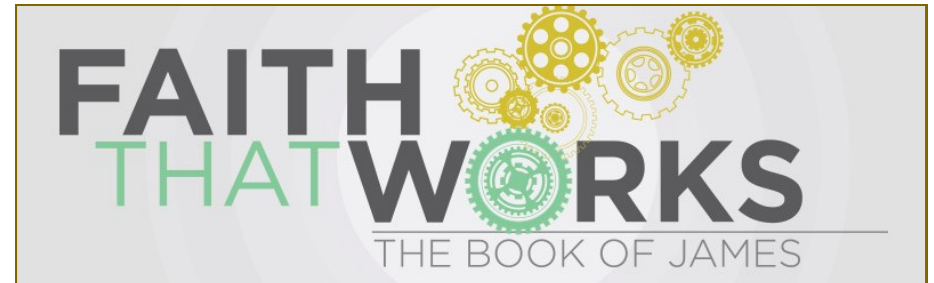


**Reflection Questions:** Has God's Word been implanted in me? Am I regularly looking into God's Word and then changing my thoughts, words, and actions to line up with what God says? What biblical truth have you put into practice this week? Have I been blessed by doing the Word of God?

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?



#8 Am I A Doer? (1:22-25)

*Sermon*  
*Notes*

April 28, 2019

### Quotes to Ponder

*There are many who complain of their short memories when they are hearing sermons. Well, then, let them be quick about doing what the sermon bids them, and then they will not be forgetful hearers.*

Charles Spurgeon

*It's easier to preach than to practice; It's easier to say than to do. Most sermons are heard by the many, But taken to heart by the few.*

Anonymous

*Our churches are filled with spiritual sponges who soak up the information, sit, sour, and eventually stink.*

D. Edmund Hiebert

*Teach me to live what You say, Make me a child who'll obey. Holy in all I that I do, May I bring glory to You.*

Don Kistler

*It is essential to hear the Word with an attitude of submission, but even that is not enough. Obedience to the Word is the most basic spiritual requirement and is the common denominator for all true believers....*

*When a person honestly and humbly looks into the Word of God, he will see two things—his own sin and the sinless Savior and Lord.*

John MacArthur

*If we truly hear the Word, we will obey it and bear fruit. But careless listening, listening that never leads to actions, is self-deception.*

Daniel M. Doriani

*Nothing is more obnoxious to God than dead orthodoxy. To know the Word of God and not to live it is sin (James 4:17).*

Paul A. Cedar

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convicted you? Challenged you? Confused you?

2. According to James (1:22-25), what is the right response of a child of God to the Word of God?

3. If we are merely *hearers* of God's Word, how do we *delude* ourselves (James 1:22)?

4. How do we *prove* ourselves to be *doers of the word* (James 1:22)?

5. How does James describe the person who is *a hearer of the word and not a doer* in James 1:23-24?

6. What is the difference between the *man who looks* (James 1:23) and the *one who looks intently* (James 1:25)?

7. What is this *perfect law* that gives freedom (James 1:25)?

8. In James 1:25 God's Word is described as *perfect* and as *the law of liberty*. What does this mean? Are laws liberating or confining? Explain.

How can a law create freedom?

9. How is a true Christian described in James 1:25? What characteristics mark his life?

10. What is a *forgetful hearer*? An *effectual doer* (James 1:25)?

11. James says that *an effectual doer ... will be blessed in what he does* (1:25). What does this mean?

12. What are some poor motives for reading and studying God's Word?

In what ways are we often tempted to study God's Word for the wrong reasons?

13. What do the following verses teach about being a *doer*?

Isaiah 29:13 —

Luke 8:21 —

Ezekiel 33:30-32 —

Luke 11:28 —

Ezekiel 36:26-27 —

Romans 2:13 —

Matthew 7:24-27 —

1 John 2:3-6 —