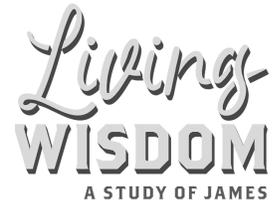


JAMES 1:19-27

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1. As a Christian, it is important to seize every opportunity to spend time in God's Word where He reveals His truth. Recall a time when you were not pursuing time alone in God's Word and record the reasons for it.

What changes do you see in yourself when you are purposeful about spending time in God's Word?

2. Read James 1:19-21. What three commands are given in verse 19?

Which one is hardest for you to follow and why?

3. Although the three commands found in verse 19 are wise words for us in everyday life, the context in this portion of Scripture deals with how to approach God's Word. Explain how each command, if followed, would be a benefit as you study God's Word.

Quick to hear

Slow to speak

Slow to anger

4. Reread James 1:20. How do you think anger toward God's Word hinders righteousness? Look at Proverbs 14:29 for insight.

5. According to James 1:21, how do we properly prepare our heart to receive God's Word?

Why is meekness or humility important for us to receive and obey God's Word?

6. Read James 1:22-25. Along with hearing God's Word, what is just as important according to verse 22?

Name specific ways we rationalize our failure to be doers of God's Word.

What do the following portions of Scripture say about being hearers and doers of God's Word?

Psalm 19:7-11

Luke 6:46-49

Luke 11:28

John 14:21

7. Read James 1:23. How does the word picture James uses in this verse describe a hearer only and not a doer of God's Word?

How is God's Word a mirror to us?

What do you think are some dangers of looking into self-help sources outside of God's Word?

8. To be a doer of God's Word we must remember the truths we have learned. Read Deuteronomy 6:6-7 and Joshua 1:8 and record the ways the Israelites were instructed to remember God's Word.

What are some practical things you do to remember the truths you have learned while studying God's Word?

9. Finish by reading James 1:26-27. How do you think our unbridled tongue interferes as we seek to live out God's Word?

10. In verse 27, James gives two behaviors indicative of a hearer and a doer of God's Word. Why do you think these two examples were chosen?

Which of these two examples is harder for you to do and why?

Read Romans 12:2 and 2 Timothy 3:16-17 along with James 1:27. Describe how we are able to live our lives pure, undefiled, and unstained by the world.

How does this prepare us to sacrificially care for others in need?

11. Glance back over James 1:19-27. Which verse stands out to you and why?

12. Write out a personal prayer request in one or two sentences to share with your small group.

Instructions for Wise Living

James 1:19-27

For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.

Proverbs 2:6

Humbly _____ God's Word

1:19-21

Make God's Word your number one priority every day.

Quiet yourself to hear what God is saying in His Word and through those teaching His Word.

Anger towards God's Word keeps us from recognizing, repenting, and moving past our sin.

Intentional preparation is necessary to prepare our hearts to receive God's Word.

Constantly _____ God's Word

1:22-25

Do not just glance **at** God's Word, but also spend time looking intently **into** God's Word.

Hearers and doers of God's Word know His Word and persevere to live it out in their daily lives.

The hearers and doers of God's Word will be refreshed and energized.

Wholeheartedly _____ God's Word

1:26-27

Ongoing self-examination reveals if our "doing" comes from a pure heart with proper motives.

Hearers and doers of God's Word use speech that is edifying, encouraging, and God-honoring.

Helping those in need is important to God and should be important to us as well.

Do not let the world leave its mark on you, instead leave the mark of Christ on the world.

How do we seek God's wisdom as we navigate through our daily lives?

1. Make time to look _____ God's Word and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal His truths.
2. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you _____ what you've learned as you walk through your day.
3. Stay _____ with God's Word by evaluating your speech, service, and worldly concerns.

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ROMANS 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

MATTHEW 21:12-13 And Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who sold and bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers."

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

1 JOHN 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

JAMES 3:9-10 With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.

EPHESIANS 4:29 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

GALATIANS 5:13 For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

PHILIPPIANS 2:3-4 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

ROMANS 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

1 JOHN 2:15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.