

DEEPER BIBLE STUDY

LESSON NOTES

TUESDAY, MARCH 10 | BEING DOERS, NOT JUST HEARERS (JAMES 1:19-27) | PASTOR ADAM AZIZ

STANDING FIRM AGAINST UNRIGHTEOUS ANGER

James 1:19-20 (NKJV)... So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

- We learn to be slow to wrath is by **FIRST** learning to be swift to hear and slow to speak.
 - Most of our anger comes from being self-centered and not others-centered.
 - Jesus is our example...
 - The woman at the well (John 4)
 - Martha and her frustration (Luke 10)
 - The Pharisees and the woman caught in adultery (John 8)
 - Jesus being falsely accused before crucifixion (Matthew 27)
 - Being _____ kept Jesus others-focused.
 - Being _____ kept Jesus Father-directed.
 - *Philippians 2:3 (NLT)... Don't be selfish... Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves.*
- Our wrath does not accomplish the righteousness of God...
- Our wrath almost always defends or promotes our own agenda...

STANDING FIRM AGAINST THE LUSTS OF THE FLESH

James 1:21 (NKJV)... Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

- James is continuing to reveal how we live a life that honors God. We do that by laying aside any impure manner of living.

- **Instead of impure living, we should receive the implanted word of God.**
 - The purity of God's word can preserve us even in this impure age.
 - We must receive it by being _____...
 - We must receive it by being _____...

HOW TO RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

James 1:22-25 (NKJV)... But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. 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.

- **We must receive God's Word as doers... not just hearers.**
- **The Word is like a mirror...**
 - Charles Spurgeon: *"The glass of the Word is not like our ordinary looking-glass, which merely shows us our external features; but, according to the Greek of our text, the man sees in it 'the face of his birth'; that is, the face of his nature. He that reads and hears the Word may see not only his actions there, but his motives, his desires, his inward condition. The Word of the Lord is a revealer of secrets: it shows a man his life, his thoughts, his heart, his inmost self."*
- **We will be blessed if we study the Word of God intently and do it.**

EXAMPLES OF WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A DOER OF THE WORD OF GOD

James 1:26-27 (NKJV)... If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless. Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

- **Real religion is not shown by hearing the Word but by doing it. One way to do God's Word is to bridle the tongue...**
 - A bridled tongue is one of the clearest signs of a _____ heart...

- **Our walk with God is useless if it does not translate into the way we live and the way we treat others.**
 - If our walk with God is real, it will show up in our words, our choices, our actions, and our relationships.

- **A real walk with God shows itself in practical ways like helping and meeting the needs of others. It also keeps itself unstained by the world's corruption.**
 - We are in the world, but we are not of it.
 - We must be in the world and remain _____ from the world.
 - Being unspotted isn't about looking religious. It's about refusing _____.