

Practice God's Word (James 1:19-25)

Goals 2013 – Part 3

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Psalm 119:72 (NIV) The law from your mouth is more precious to me than thousands of pieces of silver and gold.

1. Be an _____ learner

A. Be quick to _____

James 1:19 (NIV) My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen ...

B. Be slow to _____

James 1:19 (NIV) Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak ...

C. Be slow to _____

James 1:19-20 (NIV) Everyone should be ... slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.

2. Learn the _____ way

A. Don't fill your life with _____

James 1:21 (NIV) Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent ...

B. Humbly _____ God's Word

James 1:21 (NIV) ... and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

3. Put your learning into _____

A. Study alone is _____

James 1:22 (NIV) Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves.

James 1:23-24 (NIV) 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 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

B. Study plus action leads to _____

James 1:25 (NIV) 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.

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Intro. In what ways is the Bible valuable (Psalms 119:72)?

Why do many people not see value in the Bible? How would you explain it's value to them?

1A. What are the characteristics of a person who is quick to listen to God's Word (James 1:19)?

1B. Why might someone become angry at God or the Bible (James 1:19-20)?

1C. In what ways could you be a more eager learner of the Bible?

2A. What kinds of moral filth in our society would inhibit learning from God's Word (James 1:21a)?

2B. Why is humility important in accepting God's Word (James 1:21b)?

2C. What changes in your life would help you better learn from the Bible?

3A. Why is someone who merely reads or studies the Bible deceiving themselves (James 1:22-24)?

3B. Why do many believers like to study the Bible, but don't do what it says (James 1:23-24)?

3C. Why is action required to gain a blessing from the Bible (James 1:25)?

3D. What have you learned from this study that you will put into action this week?