



## The Blessing of the Doer!

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### Two Reasons Why Doing Is Critical for the Christian

1. Understanding what the Gospel teaches and not acting on it is self-**deception**.

*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 who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.*

-James 1:22-24

2. You can't expect God's **blessing** if you don't act on what you know the Gospel teaches.

*But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.*

-James 1:25

a. Three disciplines of the hearer:

- i. Carefully **consider** what the Scriptures are teaching.
- ii. **Persevere** in your pursuit of what is true from Scripture.
- iii. **Act** on what it teaches.

b. Two descriptions of the Word.

- i. It is **perfect**.
- ii. It gives **freedom**.

c. One result of the doer.

i. God's  **blessing**.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Read James 1:22-25. What are some observations you have from the passage? What questions, if any, do you have based on what it says?
2. According to the text, in what way is hearing but not doing self-deception? 3. Based on this passage, when we study or hear the Word, what all should we carefully consider?
4. How did James describe the Word (law) in this passage and why do you think it is important to the passage?
5. What are some truths from Scripture that you understand but do not really act on?
6. What action are you going to take as a result of what God's Word teaches?

**Next Steps:**

1. If you would like to become a follower of Jesus, please let us know. Pastor Jon will be down front after the service and would love to connect.
2. If you are interested in baptism, let Pastor Jon know in person or email him at [pj@fbclowell.org](mailto:pj@fbclowell.org).
3. Read the Bible with us to know God and respond to Him! Below is our current schedule.

November 2023 (Two Year Reading Plan, Month 23)				
Week 1 Starting Oct 30 Nov 3	Week 2 Starting Nov 6	Week 3 Starting Nov 13	Week 4 Starting Nov 20	Week 5 Starting Nov 27
Day 1: 1 Cor 1-3	Day 1: 1 Cor 13-14	Day 1: 2 Cor 11-13	Day 1: Phil 1-4	Day 1: 1 Tim 1-3
Day 2: 1 Cor 4-6	Day 2: 1 Cor 15-16	Day 2: Gal 1-3	Day 2: Col 1-4, Philemon	Day 2: 1 Tim 4-6
Day 3: 1 Cor 7-8	Day 3: 2 Cor 1-3	Day 3: Gal 4-6	Day 3: 1 Thess 1-3	Day 3: 2 Tim 1-4
Day 4: 1 Cor 9-10	Day 4: 2 Cor 4-7	Day 4: Eph 1-3	Day 4: 1 Thess 4-5	Day 4: Titus 1-3
Day 5: 1 Cor 11-12	Day 5: 2 Cor 8-10	Day 5: Eph 4-6	Day 5: 2 Thess 1-3	Day 5: Heb 1-3

<sup>17</sup> But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup> Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness. James 3:17,18 (NIV)

**What action are you going to take as a result of what God's Word teaches?**