

Series: Book of Demons
Hearing and Doing the Word

Heavenly Father,

We acknowledge that I often fall short, and that we need your guidance and strength. Please open my ears to hear your Word clearly, and open my heart to receive it with understanding. Help me to see the areas in my life where I need to change, and give me the courage to act upon what you reveal.

Transform us from a hearer only, to a doer of your Word.

Empower us to love others as you have loved me, show kindness and compassion in my daily interactions, live with integrity and honesty, use our words to build up and encourage others and to follow your lead in all that I do.

Help us to be a reflection of your love and grace in the world.

Give us the perseverance to continue on this path, even when it is difficult.

I recognize that I cannot do this on my own, and I rely on your Holy Spirit to guide and empower me.

Thank you for your Word, and for your constant presence in my life.

In Jesus' name, amen

The central idea revolves around the importance of not just listening to God's Word (the Bible), but also acting upon it. It emphasizes that true faith is demonstrated through obedience and practical application of those teachings. James 1:22 is a key verse: "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." This represents the act of receiving and understanding God's message. It involves engaging with scripture and learning its principles. This emphasizes the crucial step of putting those principles into practice in everyday life. It involves living out one's faith through actions and behaviors. The passage warns against the self-deception that occurs when one believes they are righteous simply by hearing the Word, without any corresponding action. It is about living out the teachings of the bible in your daily life. Showing your faith through your actions. This teaching highlights the importance of authentic faith. It's not enough to simply know what the Bible says; believers are called to embody those teachings. It encourages a life of active obedience and service, demonstrating a genuine commitment to God.

"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 at his natural face in a mirror; for he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and perseveres, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does."-James 1:22-25

What do we need to do to be doers of the word of God in our life on earth forever?

1. Don't just read the Bible casually. Set aside dedicated time for study, reflection, and prayer.
2. Use study tools, commentaries, and group studies to deepen your understanding.
3. When listening to sermons or Bible studies, don't be a passive listener. Engage with the message, take notes, and ask questions. I always listen in church.
4. Seek to understand how the message applies to your specific circumstances.
5. When you encounter a passage that reveals a shortcoming, don't ignore it.
6. Identify specific actions you can take to align your life with God's Word.
7. "Doing" the Word is not a one-time event. It requires consistent effort and perseverance.

8. Develop habits of obedience and strive to live a life that reflects your faith.
9. Showing kindness, patience, and love in your daily life.
10. Living out your faith in everyday situations
11. Be aware of the tendency to deceive yourself into thinking you are righteous simply because you hear the Word.
12. Cultivate humility and recognize your need for God's grace.
13. Seek out trusted friends or mentors who can provide honest feedback and hold you accountable.
14. Join a small group or church community where you can grow in your faith.

James 1:22-25 calls us to move beyond passive hearing to active obedience. It emphasizes the importance of honest self-reflection and consistent application of biblical principles. Homeless men and women are not doers of God because I just witnessed a homeless woman in a Starbucks try to steal some chips and said she does not have any money. Stealing is considered a sin, regardless of the circumstances. Homeless men and women in this nation are sinners and will not make it to the kingdom of heaven with their continued sin and wrongdoing. The Bible also discusses restitution and consequences for those who steal.