

INTRODUCTION

- * Over the first three weeks of our study of this book of James, we have seen that God is the giver of every good gift and perfect bestowment. As such, He does not trouble (try/tempt) any person but rather only allows the troublesome situations that He knows that you can handle and will help conform you into the image of Christ by perfecting your endurance against the troublesome situations that the world will present you.
- * We saw last week, that our intense desires are generally what draw us away from God. These desires and passions lead to sin, and then sin leads to death.
- * When we humbly recognize that we cannot handle the troublesome situation, we are exhorted to ask God (the giver of good gifts) for wisdom who will give all liberally.
- * What then is the natural result of this information. What should I do as a result? I should turn to Him for wisdom and ... DO what God is calling me to do, and BE what God is calling on me to be!
- * James immediately applies this to our relationship with the Perfect Law of God.

INSTRUCTION**I. BE SWIFT TO HEAR and SLOW TO SPEAK!****II. BE DOERS OF THE WORD and NOT HEARERS ONLY!****A. The Hearer Only Is F_____ in His Life**

1. HE D_____ HIMSELF (v. 22, 26-27)
 - a. They're L_____! (cf. 1:14)
 - * cf. 1 Corinthians 3:18; 6:9; 15:33; Galatians 6:3, 7; 2 Timothy 3:13; 1 John 1:8
 - b. They're O_____!
 - * cf. Proverbs 3:5-8; 12:15; 26:12)
 - * cf. Matthew 6:2,5,16; 23:25-28; 7:1-5; Isaiah 9:16-17; Jeremiah 42:19-22)
 - * The Illustration (v. 26-27)
2. HE D_____ HIMSELF (v. 23-24)

B. The Doer of the Word is B_____ in His Life

1. HE A_____ THE WORD WHICH IS INHERENT WITHIN HIM (v. 21)
 - a. _____ (cf. Romans 1: 18-23; John 1:4; Matthew 22:17-21)
 - b. _____ (cf. Matthew 5:5; 21:5; 1 Peter 3:4, 15)
 - c. _____ (cf. Philippians 2:12)
2. HE A_____ THE WORD WHICH HE HAS HEARD
 - * cf. Psalm 119:1-11; Matthew 7:24-27; 1 John 2:3-4
3. HE S_____ THE WORD ... *LOOKING INTENTLY INTO THE PERFECT LAW OF LIBERTY*
 - * cf. Luke 24:12; ... 1 Peter 1:12; 2 Timothy 2:15
 - * cf. Romans 8:21; 2 Corinthians 3:12-18; Galatians 5:1, 13-15; 1 Peter 2:16; Luke 10:25-37
4. HE R_____ IN THE WORD (cf. John 8:31-32; John 15:9-10)

INTROSPECTION

- * How do you respond to troublesome situations in your life?
Do you get mad and angry, or do you listen to God for what He is teaching you?
- * Would God describe you as a "Doer of the Word" or a "Hearer-Only"?
- * Based upon what you have seen and heard in God's Word over the past four weeks, what will you DO?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * How can we best assist one another to be faithful to be "Doers" and not just "Hearers"?