

Practicing God's Word
Active Faith Unleashed – Part 3
Life Church St. Louis – August 13, 2023
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Romans 12:2 (ESV) Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,

Psalms 1:1-2 (ESV) Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

Matthew 7:24 (ESV) "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

1. The power of _____

James 1:19 (ESV) Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger;

James 1:20 (ESV) for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

James 1:21 (ESV) Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

2. Put God's Word into _____

James 1:22 (ESV) But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

James 1:23-24 (ESV) 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 1:25 (ESV) 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.

3. Marks of a _____ believer

James 1:26 (ESV) If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless.

James 1:27 (ESV) Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

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Intro. Why is practicing something more important than simply learning about it?

Explain how you can follow the two commands of Romans 12:2.

What is the purpose of meditating on God's Word day and night (Psalm 1:1-2)?

In what ways does doing God's Word build your life on the rock (Matthew 7:24)?

1A. Explain how the three commands of James 1:19 are related.

1B. Where does the anger of man come from (James 1:20)?

1C. How does sin prevent us from receiving God's Word (James 1:21)?

1D. How can you learn to be a better listener of other people and of God?

2A. In what ways is a person who only hears God's Word deceiving themselves (James 1:22)?

2B. How is someone who only hears God's Word like a person who looks in a mirror and forgets what they have seen (James 1:23-24)?

2C. Why does God's blessing come in not just hearing His Word but in doing it (James 1:25)?

2D. How you grow in not simply hearing God's Word, but putting it into practice?

3A. Why is controlling your tongue a mark of a true believer (James 1:26)?

3B. Explain how a true believer can carry out the instructions of James 1:27.

3C. What are some ways that you can show compassion and keep from being stained by the world?