**The Study of James: Contend for the Faith**

**Doers of the Word - James 1:21-25**

**Hearers that Don’t Receive the Word Implanted.**

*"… put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. 22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 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. 24 For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.* (James 1:21–24)

**Distorted Thinkers:** (Inability to see one’s actual condition.)

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**Metaphor of the Mirror:**

1. Mirror must be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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3. Mirror must be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Hearers that Receive the Word Implanted.**

*“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)

**The Law of Liberty.**

*"If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well."* (James 2:8)

**Steps Toward Blessed Behavior:**

Step 1: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Step 2: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Step 3: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Results: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Options for the Christian Life.**

1. Living life without knowing the Word of God. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Knowing the Word of God and not Living it. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Knowing the Word of God and Living It. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ /\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Discuss with your group how scripture makes you feel about yourself.
2. Do you find yourself studying the scripture to know it or apply it?
3. How does transformation take place? (James 1:25)
4. As a group, consider how to move toward applying the word more consistently.