

Doers of the Word

James 1:19-27

Main Point:

Real Christians hear and do the Word of God; therefore, instead of responding to your trials sinfully, go straight to the Word and do what it says.

1. When trials come into your life, be careful you do not respond sinfully.

2. Instead of responding sinfully, go straight to the Word of God.

3. As you hear the Word, make sure you also do what it says.

4. Because this is what real Christians do, thanks to Jesus Christ.

J.A. Motyer “Our daily embracing of the word of truth creates the conditions in which the implanted word germinates, grows and becomes fruitful in salvation.”

Douglas Moo “To be ‘deceived’ is to be blinded to the reality of one’s true religious state.”

Matthew 7:21 ²¹ "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. (NKJV)

Psalm 1:2-3 ² ... His delight *is* in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. ³ He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper. (NKJV)

John Calvin “[James] does not define generally what religion is, but reminds us that religion without the things he mentions is nothing.”

James 2:17-18 ¹⁷ Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. (NKJV)

John 15:8 ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. (ESV)

Titus 2:14 ¹⁴ ... [Jesus] gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works. (NKJV)

Ephesians 2:10 ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. (NKJV)