



BIBLICAL BEHAVIOR
HANDLING GOD'S WORD
JAMES 1:19-27

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1. Clear _____
(vv. 19-21)

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James 1:19-27 (ESV)

Hearing and Doing the Word

19 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20 for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. 21 Therefore 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. 25 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.

26 If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. 27 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.

2. Check _____
(vv. 22-25)

3. Confirm _____
(vv. 26-27)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Review the four obstacles outlined in point 1 (Slow to hear, Quick to speak, Quick to anger, and filthiness/wickedness). Which one would you most like to work on removing? How will you start that process?
2. Read 1 John 2:3-6. Although no Christian is perfect, how would you like to grow in being a doer of the Word?
3. Read Matthew 12:36. When you read this passage does it convict you to tighten up your speech in any way? Explain specifically how you'd like to tighten up your tongue.
4. Think about how you spend your time and money and consider how you might want to increase your care for those who are needy. Is there a specific person that you could bless and encourage by spending more time with them?
5. What are some specific prayers that you need to pray this week to enlist God's help to change your heart? List them out and share with your group, spouse, or friend so that they can pray with you!

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Here are some books which may help you dig deeper into what we studied today. While Pastor Ben cannot endorse everything about each book/author, he does think these books are worth considering and reading.

Piper, John. *Desiring God*. Multnomah, 2011.

Geisler, Norman and William Nix. *A General Introduction to the Bible*. Moody Press, 1986.

MacArthur, John, *The Vanishing Conscience: Drawing the Line in a No-Fault, Guilt-Free World*. Thomas Nelson, 2005

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray that our church would be full of doers of the Word and not only hearers.

Pray that our church would be known for its love of each other, the lost, and our neighbors.

Pray for peace and truth in our nation in the wake of the Presidential election.

Pray for a full-time, 24-7 facility for our church.

REVIVAL FROM THE BIBLE READING

| Date | O.T. | Psalms | N.T. | Gospels |
|------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 11/16/2020 | Ezekiel 17-19 | Psalm 128 | John 9:13-24 | 2 John |
| 11/17/2020 | Ezekiel 20 | Psalm 129 | John 9:25-41 | 3 John |
| 11/18/2020 | Ezekiel 21-22 | Psalm 130 | John 10:1-21 | Jude 1-13 |
| 11/19/2020 | Ezekiel 23-24 | Psalm 131 | John 10:22-30 | Jude 14-25 |
| 11/20/2020 | Ezekiel 25-27 | Psalm 132:1-10 | John 10:31-42 | Revelation 1:1-8 |
| 11/21/2020 | Ezekiel 28-29 | Psalm 132:11-18 | John 11:1-16 | Revelation 1:9-20 |