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JAMES

Word Power

James 1:19-27

The Word Brings Righteousness

- Our ability to listen more, talk less, and be less aggressive lies in our receptiveness to God's Word.
- Our hearing becomes listening when we take God's words to heart and compare our lives to them.
- Cool-headed, quiet listening is ultimately the righteousness of God.
- We need to engage ourselves in the regular habit of absorbing God's Word.
- Listen to what God says in every situation.
- Refuse to allow yourself to get mad at God when things hit close to home.




Receiving The Word Brings Salvation

- Before one can receive the Word, he or she must do away with carnal things.
- Carnal things are morally questionable behaviors and downright badness.
- Regeneration must by necessity lead to sanctification.
- Part of allowing the Word to take root in us and grow is preparing the soil of our lives to receive it.



Attitude About Receiving The Word

- The Bible says to receive the Word of God with meekness.
 - No matter what we face, it is the condition of our eternal souls that matters most to God.
 - The only way to attain salvation is to embrace the Word of God as it is implanted in us through our faith in Christ Jesus.
 - Attention to teaching is best accomplished through Sunday School and preaching in worship.
 - If you are going to receive the Word, it must become a part of who you are.
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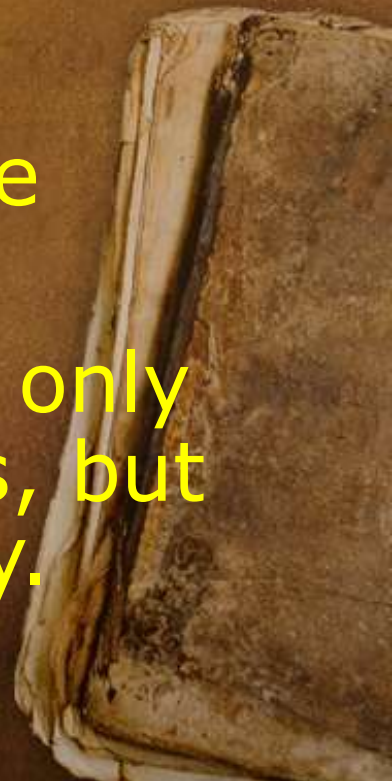
Obeying The Word Brings Blessing

- There is no deed we can do to earn God's favor; our salvation is by grace through faith.
- The natural by-product of a believer's growing life in Christ ought to be good works.
- Our time in God's Word ought to be a time of comparison and examination.
- We should be adjusting to meet God's standard.
- It is not enough to simply listen to the Word and receive the Word if we are not willing to obey the Word.



Living The Word Brings Holiness.

- Every religious person throughout history has sought to reach a level of enlightenment of some kind.
- For Christians, the achievement of holiness is both attainable and real.
- The first evidence of a holy life in the Word is our silence.
- Our role as believers is to relate not only to God properly in our personal lives, but to relate to those around us properly.



Conclusion

- Are you currently engaged in the regular discipline of listening to God's Word?
- Is your life fertile soil for receiving God's Word that brings salvation?
- Are you living God's Word on a daily basis in an effort to come to a level of holiness that only God can bring?
- What will you do with His Word today?

