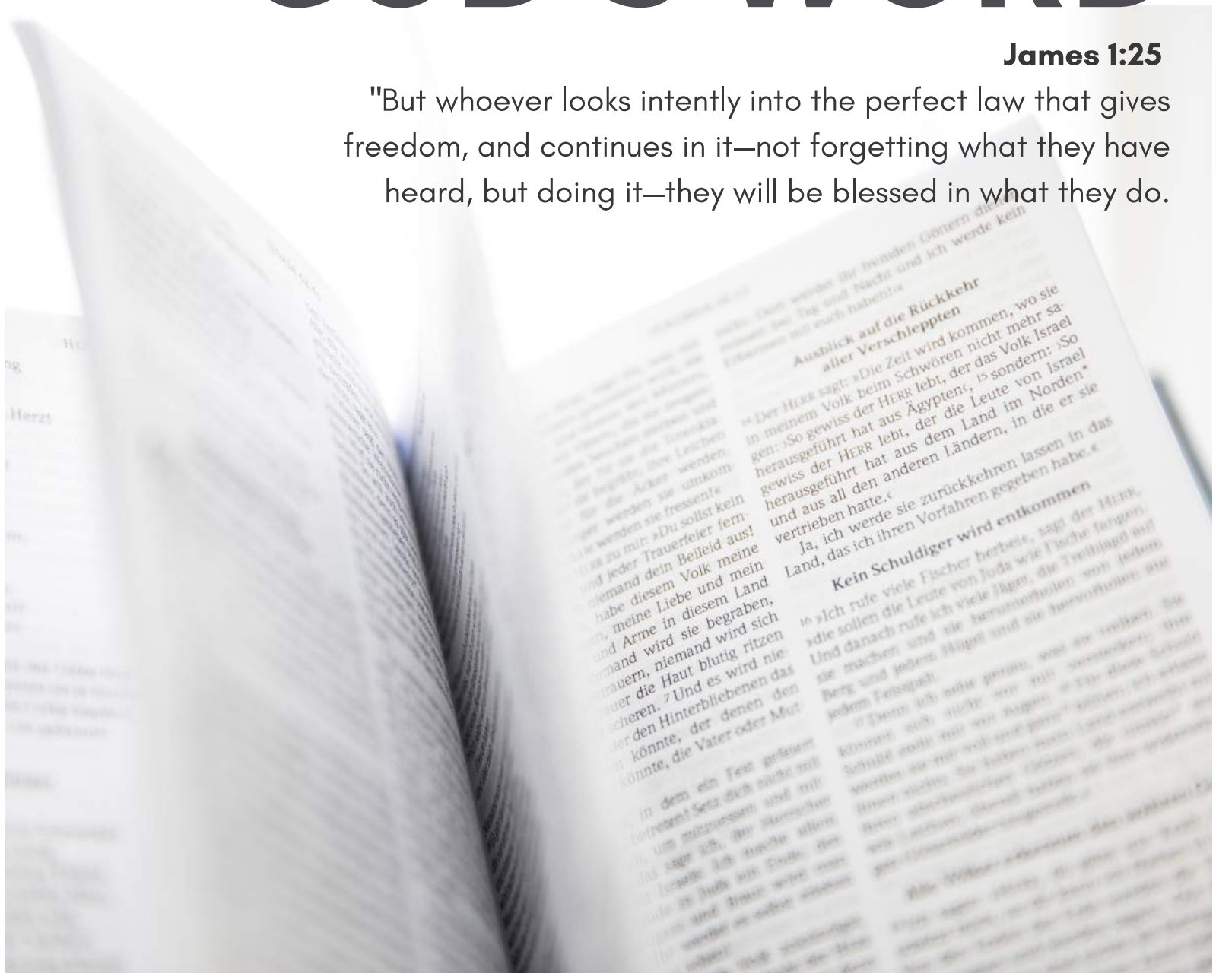


# How To Be Blessed By GOD'S WORD

**James 1:25**

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What should I do with the God's Word?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ to my trials and temptations with God's Word.

**James 1:19–20 (NLT)**

<sup>19</sup> Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. <sup>20</sup> Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires.

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<sup>19</sup> My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, <sup>20</sup> because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. <sup>21</sup> Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

# What Hinders us from Receiving God's Word?

## Matthew 13:1–9 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. <sup>2</sup> Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. <sup>3</sup> Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. <sup>4</sup> As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup> Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. <sup>8</sup> Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. <sup>9</sup> Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

## Matthew 13:18–23 (NIV)

<sup>18</sup> “Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. <sup>20</sup> The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. <sup>21</sup> But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. <sup>22</sup> The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. <sup>23</sup> But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

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## 3. \_\_\_\_\_ ON GOD'S WORD (vs. 22-25)

### James 1:22–25 (NIV)

<sup>22</sup> Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. <sup>23</sup> Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror <sup>24</sup> and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. <sup>25</sup> But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

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**What are some Questions ask when reading God's Word**

Sin to confess?

Promise to claim?

Attitude to change?

Command to obey?

Example to follow?

Prayer to pray?

Error to avoid?

Truth to believe?

Something to thank God for?

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**John 8:31–33 (NLT)**

<sup>31</sup> Jesus said to the people who believed in him, “You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. <sup>32</sup> And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” <sup>33</sup> “But we are descendants of Abraham,” they said. “We have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean, ‘You will be set free’?”

**Psalm 119:97 (NLT)**

<sup>97</sup> Oh, how I love your instructions! I think about them all day long.

**Joshua 1:8 (NLT)**

<sup>8</sup> Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.

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1) Remembering God’s Word helps \_\_\_\_\_

**John 15:7 (NLT)**

<sup>7</sup> But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!

2) Remember God’s Word \_\_\_\_\_ my life with \_\_\_\_\_

**Hebrews 2:1 (NLT)**

<sup>1</sup> So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may drift away from it.

3. Remembering God’s Word Helps \_\_\_\_\_

**Psalms 119:11 (NLT)**

<sup>11</sup> I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

4. Remembering God’s Word \_\_\_\_\_

**Psalms 56:3–4 (NIV)**

<sup>3</sup> When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. <sup>4</sup> In God, whose word I praise— in God I trust and am not afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?

5) Remembering God’s Word helps me \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of distraction

## Psalm 119:105 (NIV)

<sup>105</sup> Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

### D. \_\_\_\_\_ TO GOD'S WORD (vs. 22-27)

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## DISCUSSION QUESTION

### DISCUSS

1. James tells us to be “quick to hear, slow to speak.” Have you had situations where you did the opposite—slow to hear, quick to speak? What’s the problem with that?
2. What does James say about anger?
3. Is there such a thing as “righteous indignation”? Do you think that sometimes God wants us to get angry about certain things? Then what do you do with verse 20?
4. What “word” is he talking about in verse 21? How is it “implanted” in us? (Is this the same as the “word of truth” in verse 18, through which we were “brought forth”? What’s the connection?)
5. Moving on to James 1:22, how do we “deceive ourselves” by just listening to God’s Word? What is that mirror thing all about (in James 1:23–24)?
6. Do you think it’s really “worthless” to hear God’s Word without doing it? Why or why not? In verse 25, what does James call God’s law?
7. In what way is the law “a law of liberty”? Wouldn’t you think it does the opposite?
8. Verses 26–27 focus on “religion.” How would you define “religion”?
9. Do you think of religion as a good thing or not?
10. Do you think your neighbors think of religion as a good thing?
11. With that in mind, do you think James is using the term “religion” in a positive way? Why or why not?

In verses 26–27, how does James define “religion”? There are three specific actions he includes in his definition. What are they?