

Doers

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Introduction

1. James 1:22-25
2. There is much emphasis upon doing what God said 1 Samuel 15:22; Matthew 7:21-27
 - a. Yet we must do what God says correctly. Genesis 6:22
 - b. Do we follow directions, or even read them? Leviticus 10:1-2
 - c. On the medication box, Alka-Seltzer illustration from Tom Holland
3. We must also hear correctly James 1:19
 - a. How we hear is important Luke 8:18
 - b. What we hear is important Mark 4:24
4. What must we do and do correctly

II Discussion

1. We must look into the Proper authority James 1:25
 - a. This means study 2 Timothy 2:15
 - b. Because the perfect law of liberty will furnish us completely unto every good work 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 - c. Private and public study of God's Word
 - i. Do we attend the Bible studies of the church set aside by the elders?
 - ii. Had we rather sleep, golf, fish or hunt during the time set aside for study?
2. We must have the proper belief James 2:14-26
 - a. Faith comes by hearing Romans 10:17
 - b. But it must be the proper faith James 2:19
 - c. Abraham had the proper faith and offered his only son James 2:21-24
 - d. Rahab had the proper faith and protected the spies James 2:25-26
 - e. What does our faith cause us to do?
 - i. Defend the faith Philippians 1:17
 - ii. Proclaim the Gospel Romans 1:16
3. We must have the proper control James 3:1
 - a. We must control our tongue James 3:1-12
 - b. We must control our thoughts Proverbs 4:23
 - c. We must control our temper Ephesians 4:26
4. We must have the proper direction James 4:6-11
 - a. Submit, resist, draw, Cleanse, purify, afflicted, mourn, weep, turn, humble, speak not evil are all pointing to Christ
 - b. Life is too short and eternity too long for us not to have the proper direction to God James 4:13-15
5. We must the proper effort James 5:19-20
 - a. Convert one Acts 3:19
 - b. A brother in this context Galatians 6:1
 - c. Our own soul Philippians 2:12

III Conclusion

1. It is foolish to hear only and not obey
2. To know to do good and not do it is sin James 4:17
3. There is blessings in doing James 1:25; wise man of Matthew 7
4. Will you be blessed?

Sources: Old sermon "to obey is better than sacrifice, God's Good Gifts Tom Holland sermon outlines on James; Keys of the kingdom Tom Holland on Matthew; The man who has faith studies in James by Winfred Clark and Wayne Dunaway; Thompson chain reference on obedience