

NEW COVENANT CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

SERMON NOTES

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Do The Word *James 1:19-27 (NKJV)*

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¹⁹*So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;*

²⁰*for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.*

²¹*Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of 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 observing his natural face in a mirror;*

²⁴*for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.*

²⁵*But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.*

²⁶*If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless.*

²⁷*Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.*

I feel is the voice of emotion. Many of us govern ourselves on how we feel.

I think...What does God say?

I will...We have elevated our will equal to God's.

"Why ask God for wisdom if you're not going to listen?" – Pastor Billy Johnson

HOW TO MAKE DOING THE WORD A HABIT

Remove Things Contrary to the Word

James 1:21

²¹*Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.*

Hebrews 12:1 (NIV)

¹*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.*

Receive the Word

James 1:21

²¹Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls

“God resists the proud, but He gives grace to the humble.” – Pastor Billy Johnson

What God speaks is not optional.

Respond to the Word

James 1:22-25

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James 1:22 (NLT)

²² But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.

“What have you done with what you've heard?” – Pastor Billy Johnson

Remain in the Word

James 1:25 (NKJV)

²⁵But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

John 8:31–32 (NKJV)

³¹Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.

³²And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

Freedom comes to you the more you have the word inside of you.

“If you will remain in the word, that word will remain in you.” – Pastor Billy Johnson

Closing

Matthew 7:24-27 (MSG)

²⁴ "These words I speak to you are not incidental additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundational words, words to build a life on. If you work these words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who built his house on solid rock.

²⁵ Rain poured down, the river flooded, a tornado hit—but nothing moved that house. It was fixed to the rock.

²⁶ "But if you just use my words in Bible studies and don't work them into your life, you are like a

stupid carpenter who built his house on the sandy beach.

²⁷ *When a storm rolled in and the waves came up, it collapsed like a house of cards."*