

# Journey CHURCH

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## Developing a Faith that Works Leader Guide Session 4: How to Be Blessed By the Bible

*My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. 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. Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. 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. Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless. Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. **James 1:19-27 NIV***

I Must \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word

### **Four Attitudes to Prepare Your Heart:**

1. Be \_\_\_\_\_.

*Be quick to listen, slow to speak ... **James 1:19a NIV***

2. Be \_\_\_\_\_.

*... slow to become angry,... **James 1:19b NIV***

3. Be \_\_\_\_\_.

*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. **James 1:21 NIV***

4. Be \_\_\_\_\_.

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1. \_\_\_\_\_ it.

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*whoever looks intently into the perfect law...* **James 1:25a NIV**

2. \_\_\_\_\_ it.

*... continues in it...* **James 1:25b NIV**

3. \_\_\_\_\_ it.

*... not forgetting what they have heard...* **James 1:25b NIV**

**I Must \_\_\_\_\_ to God's Word.**

*Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.* **James 1:22 NIV**

*He puts that law into practice and he wins true happiness.* **James 1:25 PH**

*Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.* **John 13:17 NIV**

**S.P.A.C.E.P.E.T.S.** - Nine things to look for as you gaze intently into the Word of God:

**S** - Is there a **Sin** to confess?

**P** - Is there a **Promise** to claim?

**A** - Is there an **Attitude** to change?

**C** - Is there a **Command** to keep?

**E** - Is there **Example** to follow?

**P** - Is there a **Prayer** to pray?

**E** - Is there an **Error** to avoid?

**T** - Is there a **Truth** to believe?

**S** - Is there **Something** to thank God for?

**I Must \_\_\_\_\_ to God's Word.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ mouth.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ heart.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ mind.

**Discussion Questions**

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1. Why is listening such an important skill for Christians? How can being “*quick to listen*” and “*slow to speak*” (verse 19) keep our anger from erupting? In what ways can our uncontrolled anger affect our witness of Christ in our lives?
2. Why is it important for us believers to rid ourselves of “*all moral filth*” and “*evil*” (Verse 21)? What are some practical ways we can do this?
3. What do you think it means to “*humbly accept the world*” (Verse 21). What word is James referring to; and how is it planted in us?
4. James says, “*Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says*” (1:22). If we do not allow the Word of God to change us, we cannot expect to be blessed. Give an example of how your life has been blessed when you put into practical ways you can respond to what you’ve learned in this session’s study of God’s word?
5. What might people who don’t know that you are a Christian notice about you that makes you different from other people?
6. As we attempt to share Christ at home, at work, in the community, or even abroad, why is it important that our lives reflect Christ in practical ways? What are some actions that will speak louder than our words?