



Redeeming Notes

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Living Out A Faith That Works
"Learning to Listen"
James 1:19-27

"The one who looks intently into the perfect law that give freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it – he will be blessed in what he does." – v. 25 (Memorize!)

I MUST Receive GOD'S WORD

Three Attitudes to Prepare Your Heart:

1. **Be Attentive**
"...be quick to listen, slow to speak..." 1:19a
2. **Be Disciplined**
"...and slow to become angry..." 1:19b
3. **Be Pure**
"...get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the Word planted in your, which can save you." 1:21

I MUST Reflect ON GOD'S WORD

1. **Learn it.**
"...the one who looks intently into the perfect law..." 1:25a
2. **Repeat it.**
"...and continues to do this..." 1:25b
3. **Remember it.**
"...not forgetting what he has heard..." 1:25c

I MUST Respond TO GOD'S WORD

1. With my **Heart**
2. With my **Mind**
3. With my **Mouth**
4. With my **Actions**

READING PLAN: *Meditate deeply on these connections from this week's teaching, asking yourself: 1) What does it say in general? 2) What is it directly saying to me? 3) How can I apply it in my life?*

Monday – James 1:19, 20; and Matthew 5:22

Tuesday – James 1:21; and Psalm 18:23-28

Wednesday – James 1:22; and Matthew 7:21

Thursday – James 1:23-25; and Psalm 19:7-14

Friday – James 1:26, 27 and Matthew 25:34-36

FOR SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION:

- 1) Why is listening such an important skill for Christians? How can being "quick to listen" and "slow to speak" prevent our anger from erupting?
- 2) Why is it important for us as believers to rid ourselves of "all moral filth and evil"? Discuss as a group some practical ways we can do this?
- 3) How does James 1:21 say we are saved? What do you think it means to "humbly accept the word"?
- 4) When we hear the Word of God we have a responsibility to apply it to our lives. How effectively have you put into practice what you have learned in your Bible study experience? What are some practical ways you can respond to God's Word which can bring the results God desires for your life?