

**“Be Doers of the Word!”**  
**James 1:19-25**

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**Three Indicators of a Teachable Spirit**

**1. Giving Careful Attention to the Word**

vv. 19-20

*“So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be  
swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;  
for the wrath of man does not produce  
the righteousness of God.”*

**(1) My greatest need at all times!**

- Quick, eager to give attention to the Word of God

**(2) Particularly as I am experiencing trial!**

**(3) The greatest hindrance to this: Anger** (in its various manifestations)

- 1- A questioning of God’s good and wise purposes in my trial
- 2- A complaining about His dealings with me

**2. Receiving the Word**

v. 21

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

**(1) The proper frame of heart**

- A purposing to lay aside my sin and my complaining

- Meekness

- The endeavor to have the Word deeply imbedded in my heart

**(2) The power of this Word**

*“which is able to save your souls”*

**3. Doing the Word**

vv. 22-25

**(1) The Danger of Being a mere “Hearer” of the Word**  
**(22-24)**

*“But be doers of the word,  
and not hearers only,  
deceiving yourselves.”*

- 1- A common deception!

**-2- An illustration: A man who looks at himself in a mirror**

- He sees what is amiss, but immediately forgets what he saw, and so does nothing about it!

**(2) The Blessedness of Being a “Doer” of the Word (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.”*

- Careful attention again emphasized!

- Discovery of the power of the Word

- Careful, even rigorous application indicated

**Further Application:**