

BECOME HEARERS AND DOERS OF THE WORD

Our lesson text opens with a Warning to those who are hearers and NOT doers of the word of God.

(James 1:22)

- **Doers:**
 - “**But** (de) **prove** (ginomai/ p.m.impv.2pl) [command/ become] **doers** (poietes/ npm/ pred. nom.)
- **Danger:**
 - **and not** (me) **merely** (monos) [only] **hearers** (akroates/ akroaomai) [to listen to understand] (nplm/ pred.nom.)
- **Delude:**
 - **who delude** (paralogizomai/ p.m.ptc.nplm) **themselves** (houstos/ aplm) **themselves.**”

And closes with a Promise to those who consistently complete the Faith cycle.

(James 1:25)

- “**This man** will be (eimi/ f.m.ind) **blessed** (makairios) [The beatitudes of Matt.5 - in time and eternity] in what he does (te poiesis) [completes the faith cycle - producer of divine good].”
- **The importance of James’ warning;** Don’t miss the Promise of divine blessings in time and eternity by not consistently executing the Faith Cycle.

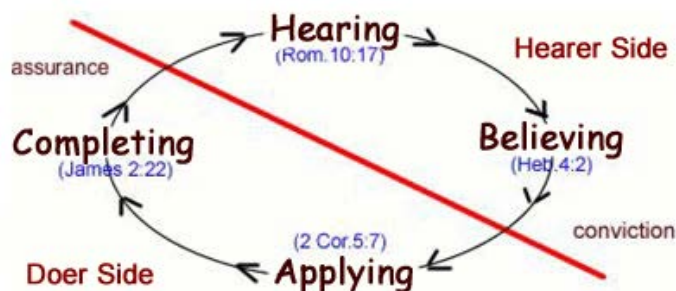
This lesson will study three aspects of Becoming Hearers and Doers of the word of God.

1. James’ warning against being only a hearer and not a doer of the word of God is laid out in (Jas.1:23-24).

(Jas.1:23) “For if (1st class condition “if”/ true) anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, (then this is true) he (houstos) **is like** (eoiko/ perf.a.ind.3ps) a man (aner) who looks (katanoeo/ p.a.ptc) [perceptive / reflection] at his natural (genesis) [Divine origin] (Gen.1:26-28; Rom.8:29) face in a mirror.”

Hearers of the word who understand its truth regarding the need for specific personal change in their Christian Way of Life. **The word was implanted, but without divine production (Jas.1:21, 25) [why?]**

2. The danger is to be content with hearing the truth of the word of God without real change occurring by cycling it from the Hearer side to the Doer side of the Faith Cycle.



- The great lost is given in (Jas.1:25) – “this man will be blessed in what he does”
- What is the great personal danger mentioned in Jas.1:22?_____

“**Who delude** (paralogizomai/ p.m.ptc.nplm) **themselves** (heautos/ aplm/ reflexive pronoun).”

NOTE: A reflexive pronoun expresses the action of the subject upon itself.

When you add the **reflexive pronoun** to the middle voice of the word **delude** you have a messed-up believer who chooses to go regularly to church; listens to understand; and chooses to believe the word of God as the truth; and knows he needs to apply it **for necessary change**, but never takes it to Doer side of the Faith Cycle. **He is living in DELUSION!**

The Greek word Paralogizomai means to be **deluded by false reasoning** (false assumptions) (Col.2:2-4). The Present tense shows a habitual pattern of delusion in their Christian Way of Life because of the break-down on the Doer Side of the Faith Cycle or the Exhale Side (2 Tim.3:16).

(Rom.12:2) “And do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”

3. **Being content to go regularly to church as a good hearer of word is a choice.**

- Hearing the word of God in order to understand it is also a choice.
- Cycling it to belief as truth necessary for change in his/ her life is also a choice.
- Applying it to completion as a matter of life change is also a choice.

Unfortunately, NOT being a doer of the word is also a choice. The word implanted that is not permitted volitionally to produce Divine Good is NOT able to deliver our souls (Jas.1:21).

(Jas.1:24) “For once he has looked (katanoeo/ a.a.ind.3ps) at himself [decision time] and **gone away** (aperchomai/ **perf.a.ind.3ps**), he has **immediately forgotten** (epilanthanomai/ a.m.ind.3ps) **what kind of person he was** (eimi/ ASQ/ impf.a.ind.3ps).”

Notice not what kind person he could become by cycling the word implanted by faith in order to deliver his soul as Doer of the word (2 Cor.5:7; Jas.2:22)

(Isa.55:9) “**For as** the heavens are **higher** than the earth, **so** are My ways **higher** than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.”; Heb.4:12)

Whatever causes a believer to choose NOT to become a doer of word, by the challenge of the word of God for change in their life style is a self-deceiving delusion!