

Hearers and doers.

James 1:19-25

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. ²¹ Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant 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 who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴ For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵ But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

Steps to transformation or self-deception

- Be quick to listen and slow to speak – 1:19-21 *Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. ²¹ Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.*
- Be a doer not just a hearer of God's Word – 1:22 *But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*

- Be a “Perseverer” rather than a Forgetter – 1:23-25 *For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴ For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵ But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.*

Action points

- Prioritize your life: To be a doer, you must first be a hearer. So, put yourself in the path of God’s Word.
 - Daily Bible intake (Grace Track Step 01: Bible intake/Prayer).
 - Weekly gathering with other followers of Jesus: Maximize your weekend by prioritizing Sunday morning with your faith family.
 - Small group + Serve Team involvement.
- Take the posture of humility towards God’s Word and be transformed.