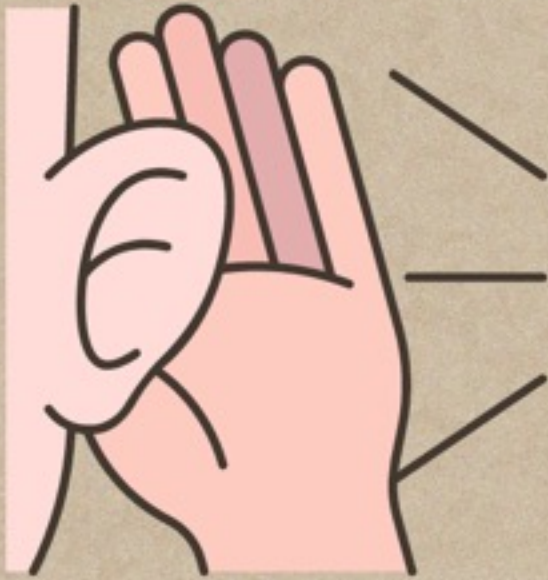

FROM



Hearing to Doing to Blessing

James 1:22-25

Matthew 7:24-25

²⁴ Therefore everyone who **hears** these words of mine and **puts them into practice** is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.



You **HEAR**.

You **DO**.

You are **WISE**.



SOUND

STRONG

SOLID

STEADFAST

You **WIN.**



Matthew 7:26-27

²⁶ But everyone who **hears** these words of mine and **does not put them into practice** is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.



You **HEAR**.

You **IGNORE / DID NOTHING**.

You are **FOOLISH**.



WEAK

UNSTABLE

CURSED

You **LOSE.**



Mt 13:3-9; 18-23 - Parable of the Sower

PATH / ROAD:
Hardened Heart

ROCKY GROUND
Superficial Heart

THORNY AREA
Unstable, Uncommitted
Half-hearted Heart

GOOD SOIL
Willing, Committed,
Submissive Heart

Mt 13:23

But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who **hears** the word and **understands** it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.

James 1:22-25

²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. ²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵ 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.



3 Clear Principles:

“**Do not merely listen** to the word, and so **deceive** yourselves. **Do what it says.**”

James 1:22



1. “Don’t merely listen to the word”
Don’t be a **passive** follower.



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2. “Don’t deceive yourself”

Don’t be an **uncommitted, double-minded
and unstable** follower – as described in James
1:8



1. “Don’t merely listen to the word”
Don’t be a passive follower.

2. “Don’t deceive yourself”

Don’t be an uncommitted, double-minded and unstable follower – as described in Jas 1:8

3. “Do what the word says”

Be an **active** disciple.



Hear the word, **Act** on it,
and **let it change** your heart,
mind and life
= to reflect Christ in you.



James 1:23-24

²³ Anyone who **listens** to the word **but does not do** what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a **mirror** ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.



James 1:25

²⁵ 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.



4 Steps to Blessings:

1. LOOK INTENTLY

Look closely, attentively, fully and deeply into the Word to see what it says about your life and for your life.

Read, study, meditate and memorise the Word – to **BE** what God wants you to **Be** and **DO** what He wants you to **Do**.



John 8:31-32

³¹ To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you **hold** to my teaching, you are really my disciples.

³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.



4 Steps to Blessings:

2. CONTINUES IN IT

Don't stop looking. Keep on looking and focusing to find out more or till things becomes crystal clear to your soul and spirit.



4 Steps to Blessings:

3. NOT FORGETTING

Don't forget what you have discovered or what was spoken to you.



4 Steps to Blessings:

4. DOING IT

Obey and do what you have read, learned, heard, instructed, and told.

Let His word soften your hardened heart and change your life.



RESULT of Hearing, Obeying and Doing:

You will be blessed.

**You will be successful
in what you do.**



CHALLENGE

To those who love God and His Word:

Let's **HEAR** and **DO**
what God says
in His Word.



CHALLENGE

Starts by:

1. **Loving God with all your heart, soul, mind, strength – with action.**

As a **child** of His household; as a **member** of His family; and as a **citizen** of His kingdom, let us **BE fully committed and devoted** to Him and **BE totally obedient** to His kingly commandments.



Our response to God's Word and to Jesus' teaching reveals **WHO He is** in our lives and **WHAT we think** of Him.

- whether He is just another great philosopher or moral teacher or religious fanatic or truly the **King, Lord, Master and Savior** of our lives.



CHALLENGE

Starts by:

2. **Loving your neighbour – with action.**

We will walk in His blessings and be a blessing to many every day.



How?

By **helping** the poor, needy, helpless, voiceless.

By **forgiving** those who offended us.

By **setting** a good example of how a true disciple should act and behave.

By **bearing** with one another and encouraging each other.

By **sharing** Christ with others.

By **making** our lives and days count for Jesus daily.

