

James

Listening & Doing

But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

I. I MUST BE RECEPTIVE OF GOD'S WORD. (vs. 19-21)

"... accept the Word planted in you ..." (vs. 21)

ATTITUDES FOR RECEPTION

- **Be careful** (vs. 19a) "Be quick to listen, slow to speak..."
- **Be calm** (vs.19b) "... and slow to become angry ..."
- **Be Clean** (vs. 21a) "Get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent ..."
- **Be compliant** (vs. 21b) "humbly accept the Word planted in you ..."

2. I MUST *REFLECT* ON GOD'S WORD

- God's word is like a mirror
- I must **read** it, "... the man who looks intently into the perfect law..."
- I must **review** it, "... and continues to do so ..."
- I must **remember** it, "... not forgetting what he has heard ..."

SPACEPETS

- *S - Is there a Sin to confess?*
- *P - Is there a Promise to claim?*
- *A - Is there an Attitude to change?*
- *C - Is there a Command to obey?*
- *E - Is there an Example to follow?*
- *P - Is there a Prayer to pray?*
- *E - Is there an Error to avoid?*
- *T - Is there a Truth to believe?*
- *S - Is there something to thank God for?*

3. I MUST RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

"Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. DO WHAT IT SAYS!" (vs. 22)

- A CONTROLLED mouth
- A CARING heart
- A CLEAN mind