

The 5th Sunday in Lent ~ Sunday, April 3, 2022
“Living & Active: Integrating God’s Word into My Life”
James 1:19-27

“Be doers of the word, not hearers only who deceive themselves.” (Jam 1:22)

BEING DOERS OF THE WORD AND NOT JUST HEARERS

#1. If I want to be a doer of the Word, I need to _____.

Unreliable Foundations

- _____ - “If everyone else is doing it, it must be right.”

“Don’t follow the crowd in doing wrong...” (Exodus 23:2)

- _____ - “That’s the way I’ve always done it.”

“You abandon the commandments of God to follow human traditions.” (Mark 7:8)

- _____ - “If it makes sense logically, it must be right.”

“Sometimes there is a way that seems to be right, but in the end it is the way to death.” (Proverbs 15:25)

- _____ - “If it feels right, do it.”

“At that time there was no king in Israel and people did whatever they felt like doing.” (Judges 21:25)

Building on a solid foundation or shifting sands (Matthew 7:24-27)

“Lord, I might not always understand your word; I might not always agree with it or like it; but I’m going to build my life on it because I know it’s the truth.”

#2. If I want to be a doer of the Word, I need to _____.

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.” (Colossians 3:16)

Feeding on God’s Word (A Review)

- _____ **with our ears.**

“Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.” (Romans 10:17)

- _____ **with our eyes.**

“I will study your commandments, and fix my eyes on your ways.” (Psalm 119:15)

- _____ **with our hands.**

“The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding even to the simple.” (Psalm 119:130)

- _____ **with our mind.**

“The person who continues to study God’s perfect teachings that make people free and who remains committed to them will be blessed.” (James 1:25)

- _____ **with our heart.**

“I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.” (Psalm 119:11)

“Lord, help me to feed on your Word everyday, that it might strengthen and sustain me.”

#3. If I want to be a doer of the Word, I need to _____.

- “Blessed is the one who doesn’t walk in the counsel of the ungodly, but who meditate on the word of God.” (Psalm 1:1)

- “Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.” (Phil 1:27)

“Lord, help me to pattern my life after yours, and to measure myself by your standard and not the world’s.”

#4. If I want to be a doer of the Word, I need to _____.

The Parable of the Soil (Luke 8:4-15)

The 4 soils represent:

- The hardened soil =
Action:

- The shallow soil =
Action:

- The soil with weeds =
Action:

- The good soil =
Action:

“And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down deep in him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught...” (Colossians 2:6)

“Lord, prepare my heart and mind to receive your Word; clear away anything within me that keeps it from taking root and bearing fruit.”