



## HOW DO I PRACTICE THE WORD?

- a. **With a** \_\_\_\_\_ *"If you claim to be religious but don't control your tongue, you are fooling yourself."*
- b. **With a** \_\_\_\_\_


*"Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you"*

- c. **Have a** \_\_\_\_\_ *"Refusing to let the world corrupt you."*

**WEEK FOUR ICONNECT GROUPS:** This week you will delve deeper into how to be blessed by the Bible. You will look deeper at God's litmus test for being a "doer" of the Word.



WHERE THE RUBBER MEETS THE ROAD!



# REAL FAITH

## WEEK FOUR "HOW TO BE BLESSED BY THE BIBLE"

**THEME SCRIPTURE: JAMES 1:19-27**

*<sup>19</sup> Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. <sup>20</sup> Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires. <sup>21</sup> So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls. <sup>22</sup> But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. <sup>23</sup> For if you listen to the word and don't obey it, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup> You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. <sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>26</sup> If you claim to be religious but don't control your tongue, you are fooling yourself, and your religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.*

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## IF I WANT TO BE BLESSED BY THE BIBLE:

### 1. I MUST \_\_\_\_\_ GOD'S WORD

"Humbly **accept** the word that God has planted in your hearts..."

**ACCEPT** means: \_\_\_\_\_

### FOUR ATTITUDES FOR GOOD RECEPTION

- a) **Be C** \_\_\_\_\_ "You must be quick to listen, slow to speak"
- b) **Be C** \_\_\_\_\_ "...and slow to get angry."
- c) **Be C** \_\_\_\_\_ "So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives."

**FILTH in the Greek means** \_\_\_\_\_

**How can we become clean?** \_\_\_\_\_

1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

- d) **Be C** \_\_\_\_\_ "...and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts..."

### 2. I MUST \_\_\_\_\_ ON GOD'S WORD

"For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror."

**God's word is like a** \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 4:12-13 "For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account."



### 3 PRACTICAL WAYS TO REFLECT ON GOD'S WORD

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ **it** "But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free..."

**LOOK** means \_\_\_\_\_

- b. \_\_\_\_\_ **it** "...and if you do what it says..."
- c. \_\_\_\_\_ **it** "... and don't forget what you heard..."

Nothing will do more for your life than developing the habit of memorizing Scripture. Why?

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### 3. I MUST \_\_\_\_\_ TO GOD'S WORD

"But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves."

**LISTEN** means \_\_\_\_\_