

Be a Doer of the Word

James 1:22-25 (NRSV)

²² But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³ For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves^[h] in a mirror; ²⁴ for they look at themselves and, ongoing away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵ But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

Giving honor to God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Giving honor to the men, women, and children of God. This morning we are blessed with a visual into the life of the Israelites and the renewal of the covenant to serve God. Our topic is “Be a Doer of the Word.”

In many cases, some would agree that it's easier to quote a scripture and to live it. In other words, many quote the verses, but neglect living by or doing exactly what the scripture says to do. Many would agree that it takes patience and discipline to be a doer of the word. It also requires each person to have a heart of repentance and to truly seek God's face and God's heart.

Today, I would like to share three points that will help you as you strive to be a doer of the word.

Firstly, Trust in the Lord. In the book of Isaiah 43:18-19b, the word teaches us “Do not remember the former things, neither consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing (says the Lord). Somebody ought to shout Hallelujah!!! Avoid and sever those relationships that bring negativity, pain, despair, and heartache. Trust in the Lord for a New Thing. Stop right there where you are and receive the newness of a relationship with Almighty God. Begin to Jump Start your day with a conversation with the Lord. Something exciting and wonderful will begin today. Declare IT!!! Inquire of what you should do and who you should spend time with. What places should you go and how to best provide care for yourself and for others? Yes, you can talk to God as you develop a new level of Trust. Proverbs 3:5-6 teach us to Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine

own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Secondly, Wait on the Lord.

Now this doesn't mean to be dormant, however it means that you are in service to do the will of God. In Isaiah 40:31, the word says "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." My brothers and sisters, your hand is fixed to the Gospel plow, so it means that you must show up. 'You can't lead where you won't go and you can't teach what you don't know.' Tell somebody, I'm going to show up and I'm going to be a doer of the word. Waiting on the Lord... The old saints used to say "I don't want the Lord to catch me with my work undone." Hallelujah, we want to be found waiting on the Lord.

Thirdly, embrace the revelation of who Jesus is.

I have come to realize something; that God's Word Is TRUE.

Perhaps you have known times of sorrow or frustration. Most of us at one time or another have found ourselves wrestling with ideas and emotions conceived in the mind vs. direction from the divine. For myself, I've learned that God will not be manipulated. If he said it, that settles it. So without question, He is: The Alpha and the Omega, The Bright and Morning Star, Our Jehovah Jirah, A friend to the friendless, a Father to the Fatherless, Our help in ages past, Our peace in the midst of the Storm, He's more for us than the whole world against us, No weapon formed against us shall prosper, ABSENT FROM THE BODY IS TO BE PRESENT WITH THE LORD, WEAPING MAY ENDURE THROUGH THE NIGHT, BUT JOY COMETH IN THE MORNING. JOY, STRENGTH, PEACE, AND LOVE. I've had some good days, I've had some stormy days, I have some had some hills to climb, I've had some sleepless nights, but O' when I look around and I think things over, My Good Days, They Out Weigh My Bad Day, and I... Won't Complain!!! Cause when I think about the Goodness of Jesus and all that he's done for me, My Soul Crieth out Hallelujah.

I thank You Jesus; the Lilly of the valley.

Jesus, the bright and morning star.

He's the Alpha and the Omega.

Jesus, He was Able's vindicator.

Jesus, He was Jacob's ladder.

Jesus, He was the Balm in Gilead.

Jesus, He was Joshua's Battle Axe.

Jesus, He was Moses staff at the Red Sea.

I've been young and now am old, But Never have I seen the Righteous Forsaken or His Seed Beggin' Bread. (Ya'll know him don't ya.) Though weeping may endure for the night, JOY COMETH in the Morning Time. (Ya'll know him don't ya.) Somebody ought to Say Yes, Say Yes, Say Yes...

In closing, every now and then you may feel overwhelmed. I came to remind you that you can turn it over to the Lord. Remember David. "David said when my heart is overwhelmed lead me to the rock that is higher than I, Jesus said come, all that are weak and heavy laden and I will give thee rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me. For my yoke is easy, and my burdens are light." Romans 10:9-10 says, "⁹ If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved." Be a Doer of the Word. Amen.