

One Step to Freedom
Chapter 3: Trials and Temptations

Lesson 2 Part 1
Doers of the Word

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves” (James 1:22).

In the previous lesson we looked at how we are to view and respond to trials and temptations. These guidelines were laid out in James 1:1-20. In this lesson, the theme is doing what God’s Word says.

Read James 1:21-22 and answer the following questions:

1. What are we to lay aside?

2. What are we to receive to replace those things?

3. How should we receive it?

4. What is the Word able to do?

5. Once we have received the Word, what should we do?

6. What are you doing to yourself when you hear but don’t follow God’s Word?

God wants us to empty ourselves of worldly influences and attitudes by receiving His Word with the right attitude (humbly), and then doing it.

7. Considering these verses, what should your attitude be towards Bible studies?

8. Read James 1:23-25. What kind of man are you if you hear God’s Word and refuse to do it?

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9. But what is the man who does what the Word says?

10. Read James 1:26. Comparing James 1:26 with Matthew 7:19, what does God seem to be teaching us through James?

Note: The word “religion” here refers to outward actions.

11. How is it possible to deceive?

12. What would seem to cause this? (For example, pride, talking too much.)

13. Read James 1:27. What example does James give of “doing” God’s Word?

14. What else are we to do?

Our profession of faith must result in action. It must be strong enough to endure trials joyously and to withstand temptations constantly. This brings glory to God and shows the world what “true” Christians are really like.