

Keep the Change 2 Titled “On the Spot”

“Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does. If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one’s religion is useless. Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.”

James 1:21-27 NKJV

He’s talking about things that are filthy or irrelevant

What in the world do we need to get rid of?

1 Stay Put

Receiving the word with meekness it is not weakness in fact meekness is strength under control. In verse 1 it says “receive with meekness the implanted word,”

Implanted implies that we are seeds, those seeds need to be sown. Those seeds need to be good soil. The good soil is a good Biblically based church, the life group that you are in, those good Christian friends that challenge you to become a better Christian.

Psalm 92 :13 “planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God.” Be planted in the Word...what does that mean? We need to be planted if we are constantly jumping from church to church group to group we keep uprooting.

Uprooting means your not giving yourself room to grow. Living like this will never give us the Opportunity to grow to what Christ calls us to be.

“For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.” (James 1:23-24 NKJV)

Don’t just be hears of the Word we need to be doers

2 Put it into Practice

Act instantly don’t put it off! We need to ask God what is the spot that needs to be removed and act instantly to get rid of it.

Gods word is like a mirror it reveals it to you but you need to put it into practice.

It's not just hearing God's Word is obeying it.

“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock:” Matthew 7:24 NKJV

Information, application, transformation

3 Put a Lid on It

“If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless.” James 1:26 NKJV

“My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,” James 1:19 NIV

The message says it like this

“Lead with your ears follow up with your Tongue and let anger straggle along in the rear” James 1:19 MSG

“In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, But he who restrains his lips is wise.” Proverbs 10:19 NKJV

Verse 27 Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.”

4 Put yourself out there

Put yourself out there for God to use

You want to change your life be a part of changing the hurt in someone else's life.

You have the power to keep Christ name unspotted to the world.