

## Embracing Holiness

James 1:19-27

The bible is an \_\_\_\_\_ manual. It is to be read with the intention of putting our life together.

If a Christian has a regular encounter with the scriptures, for example through worshiping in a church where the Bible is respected and taught with clarity, and that encounter does not translate into life \_\_\_\_\_, something is seriously wrong.

### **Striving Toward Life Application**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ for God's voice.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ my spirit before a holy God
  - a. Submitting to the Lordship of Christ
  - b. Accepting the authority of God's Word
    - i. The soil of my heart is \_\_\_\_\_ to receive God's counsel.

"I have hidden God's Word in my hear that I might not Sin against Him."

*Psalm 119:11*

3. \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word and Responding in obedience to it out of reverence for Christ.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ the blessing that God gives to those who live under the authority of His Word (obey).

**Do We Get It?**

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*Psalm 119:9-16,105*

How can a young man keep his way pure?  
By living according to your word.  
I seek you with all my heart;  
do not let me stray from your commands.

I have hidden your word in my heart  
that I might not sin against you.  
Praise be to you, O LORD;  
teach me your decrees.

With my lips I recount  
all the laws that come from your mouth.  
I rejoice in following your statutes  
as one rejoices in great riches.

I meditate on your precepts  
and consider your ways.  
I delight in your decrees;  
I will not neglect your word.  
Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light for my path.

<sup>19</sup>My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, <sup>20</sup>for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. <sup>21</sup>Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

<sup>22</sup>Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. <sup>23</sup>Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror <sup>24</sup>and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. <sup>25</sup>But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does.

<sup>26</sup>If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. ~ James 1:19-27