

SPIRITUAL GROWTH 101

James 1:19-25

Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart, 1 Peter 1:22

The Result of being a Hearer only:

Delude- paralogizomai- to miscalculate, to reason falsely:- delude

(vv. 23-24) James' Humorous Illustration

Looks- katanoeo: to take not of, consider, contemplate

James is saying that if I hear it and don't use it, I deceive myself about the very purpose of the Word of God.

(v. 25)

*"So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed. John 8:36
It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery. Galatians 5:1*

Looks intently-parakuptoo; to stoop sideways, to stoop to look; looks intently (Idea: Undivided Attention)

Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the Word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so. Acts 17:11

IV. Continuously _____ myself and myself to the right mirror (v. 25)

The Promise and Result: _____

Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul. 1 Peter 2:11

Four Steps to Spiritual Growth:

I. _____ What God _____ (v. 21)

...let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, Hebrews 12:1

II. Receive what God has already _____ (v. 21)

Receive (dechomai) to receive;-accept, welcome.

(v. 22)

III. _____ on what God has already made clear

4 ways we become hearers and not doers:

A. _____ Needs to Hear This

"The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: 'God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. Luke 18:11

B. _____

C. _____

D. All _____ no _____