

Unlocking Blessing

James 1:19-27

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- When the word and not the world become the majority of your week your life will start to change.

The Research

1. Feeling lonely drops 30%.
2. Anger issues drop 32%.
3. Bitterness in relationships drops 40%.
4. Alcoholism drops 57%.
5. Sex outside of marriage drops 68%.
6. Feeling spiritually stagnant drops 60%.
7. Viewing pornography drops 61%.
8. Sharing your faith jumps 200%.
9. Discipling others jumps 230%.

Biblical Premise

- Understanding the grace of Jesus and how it works with your active faith.
 - James is all about a gospel saturated life looks like.
 - The scriptures are designed to be a blessing to us.

What Does The Bible Say About The Bible?

- It restores the soul.
- Gives wisdom and discernment.
- Comfort your heart.
- Convict of sin.
- Equip for every good work.
- It will defend you against temptation.

The Christians Goal

- To have the same sort of relationship with the Word that Jesus did.

2 Keys To Unlocking The Blessing Of The Word

1. My attitude toward scripture.
 - Humbly receive the implanted Word

Defining Terms

- “Humbly”: strength that has been bridled brought under control.

Mark 16:24

The Question

- Does the scripture have the authority over you to adjust the way you are living?
 - The Word must go from information to formation.
 - True believers are being transformed by the gospel and it shows up in our daily lives.
 - Disciples will get out of alignment spiritually.
 - The scriptures will ask you to charge.

Bible Study Tips

- Don't worry about quantity, but the quality.

Ask The Right Questions

- What did it mean then?
- What does it mean now?
- What does it mean to you personally?

2. Living out scripture.
 - Every step towards Jesus is a step into freedom.
 - Every step away from obedience is a step toward bondage.