



The Book of James

**Just
Do It!**

James 1:22-26

**His mother said to the servants, “Do
whatever He tells you.”**

John 2:5

²⁰ for the anger of man does not
produce the righteousness of God. ²¹
Therefore put away all filthiness and
rampant wickedness and receive with
meeekness the **implanted word**, which
is able to save your souls.

James 1:20-21

**I will put My laws in their minds
and write them on their hearts.**

**I will be their God,
and they will be **My people**.**

Hebrews 8:10b

James wants us to know that simply knowing verses and biblical truths isn't enough.

**If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask
God, who gives generously to all
without reproach, and it will be given
him.**

James 1:5

‘Knowledge is, “God what do I do tomorrow?” Wisdom is, “Who am I to be so that I know what to do when I get to tomorrow?”’

- Pastor Joby Martin

Your identity proceeds what you do.

But be **doers** of the word, and not
hearers only, **deceiving** yourselves.

James 1:22

**If you don't do what Jesus says then
by definition He is not your Lord.**

**The point of reading your Bible isn't
about acquiring knowledge or
learning what certain words were
used in the Greek.**

James is telling us that the entire point of God giving us His word in written form is for us to **JUST DO IT!**

That's the modern church. We **memorize** feel good verses, read and **study** our Bibles, but then we **don't do** what it says and **wonder** why we aren't experiencing the abundant life!

You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!

James 2:19

For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his **natural face in a mirror.**

James 1:23

²⁴ For he looks at himself and goes away and at once **forgets what he was like.** ²⁵ But the one who looks into the perfect law, the **law of liberty**, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but **a doer who acts**, he **will be blessed** in his doing.

James 1:24-25

The Word of God is the Will of God.

Some Christians read the Bible, look at the implications of what they just read, and then they judge and make excuses as to why they do or don't have to follow certain teachings.

Love your enemy

Forgive others

Give God your 1st fruits

Submitting to Authority

Turn the Cheek

Sexual Integrity

Exclusivity of Christ

Marriage

Why?

**The Bible isn't about right or wrong,
good or bad. Following God's word is
literally about life and death.**

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it **abundantly.**

John 10:10

**Our job as “doers of the Word” is to
hear God’s voice!**

God will never tell you to do something **specifically that contradicts His word **generally**.**

**Every time you take a step towards
the Good Shepherd's voice, you are
taking a step towards God's future
plans for you.**



“Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it.

Prone to leave the God I love.”



James wants to remind us not to deceive ourselves. It is so easy to do!

The Bible will be a mirror that reflects your weaknesses and your strengths. It will show you what God wants you to do, but that isn't good enough. You have to **do what it reveals.**

The problem with the modern church in America today is that we pick and choose what we want to follow based on our personal beliefs.

**The moment you quit taking steps of
obedience towards the Good
Shepherd, you quit following Jesus.**

Process of Discipleship

- 1) Justification**
- 2) Sanctification (Progressive)**
- 3) Glorification**

**So what is God telling you to do?
Some of you already know...**

If you could do anything **for the glory of God and not fail, what would you do?**