

Welcoming the Word

James 1.21-25

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Intro: How can we welcome and receive the Word of God?

3 ways:

I. With _____ vs 21

Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

lay apart = _____
Acts 7:58 Eph 4:22 Eph 4:25 Heb 12:1

Lay apart what?

A. *Filthiness* = _____ Lit; medical term

B. *superfluity of naughtiness* = _____ Left over evils/sins.
Jn 11:43, 44 Lk 15:21,22

Wonder why we many not be excited in The Word? Spiritual wax? Left over sins?

II. With _____ VS 21

receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls

receive with meekness = _____

Our problem? When we hear the Word of God, we parade it past the **jury** of our own
_____ to determine if we obey.

Acts 24:14 Eph 3:16

vs 21 "engrafted word" = a fixed position. The Word becomes a part of you.

The more you embrace the truth, the greater its hold on you, the more your fruit will be affected!

III. With _____ vss 22-25

But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. 23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: 24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. 25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

vss 23, 24 *behold* = _____ glance. It is real, yet no change takes place.

vs 25 *looketh into* = _____ inspection. Lean over, to bend, to stoop.

Same word . . . Jn 20:5 *And he stooping down, and looking in, saw . . .*

Conc— Tests to evaluate: Is your knowledge of the Word making you more like _____
_____? Has there ever been a time when you _____ Jesus more than you do now?