

# *Mt Lebanon Church*

Sunday School Lesson

7.27.2025

Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Below please find my sharable thoughts, so please allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you that he would have you to see through the study of God's word to share.

Be Doers of The Word

## James 1: 19 – 27

Do we, as believers, fully understand the importance of translating faith into practice, which involves actively living out our behaviors and choices in our everyday life in Christ. As we align our principles of faith with our actions it will bridge the gap between our spiritual beliefs and our life in Christ, ensuring that our actions will reflect our moral values and convictions. It is these practices, that are based upon our faith in Christ that will lead to our spiritual growth and will lead to a deeper relationship with God. Practicing our faith means that we are allowing the word of God to determine our way of life, for we cannot profess to believe in the truth of his word if we are not obedient to what it says. True obedience is putting Gods instruction into practice.

**Psalm 119: 55 – 57,....**I have remembered thy name, O Lord, in the night, and have kept thy law....this I had, because I kept thy precepts....thou art my portion, O Lord, I have said that I would keep thy words....

As a result of our commitment to God's word, by his spirit, we now see him as our ultimate satisfaction and source of life. This commitment, we do not see it as a burdensome work, but we see it as a joyful response to God's grace and love. God's word is the power to guide, to instruct, and to bless, and seeing the importance of studying, and meditating on his word means understanding that he is the source and sustainer of all that exists.

**James 1: 19 – 20,....**wherefore....brethren....be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath....for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God....

It is very important that we display self-control when interacting with others within the body of Christ. This means being attentive, and eager to receive, actively listening with the intent to understand, rather than just waiting to speak, with impulses and careless words that will cause harm. Therefore, humility with wisdom and knowledge in communication is vital for spiritual growth, and will bring about healthy relationships.

**Matthew 12: 34,....**out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh....

Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we must discipline ourselves to listen more than we talk, for in this we will learn a lot. More wisdom can be gained by listening and observing, and not by rushing into judgement.

**Proverbs 10: 19,....**in the multitude of words there wanteth not sin, but he that retaineth his lips is wise....

Disciplining ourselves to listen opens the door to greater communications with God, where, through his word, he will guide us in the way that is best for us to follow. Therefore, we must pay close attention to the word of God, listening intently as we meditate upon his word.

**James 1: 21 – 24,....**lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness and receive with meekness the....word, which is able to save your souls....be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves....if any be a hearer....and not a doer....he beholdeth himself, and....straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was....

There is a need instilled within the heart of the believer to renounce sin in every from, both in our outward actions and in our inward moral attitudes, and we understand this need, as we receive the message of the gospel with humility and a teachable spirit. True faith is not just about hearing or knowing Gods word, but true faith comes to life when we actively put it into practice. Obedience is the key to listening and applying the teachings of God's word to our everyday life. The goal to studying Gods word is not merely to gain wisdom, and knowledge, but rather to transform our lives in Christ. Therefore, we must read, we must retain, and we must react according to Gods leadership and guidance, anything more means that we are missing the point. As we take the insight that we have gained through Gods word, and translate it into tangible changes in our life, we will than begin to live out his faith in our daily lives.

**1 John 3: 18,....**my little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth....

True love, and true faith involves genuine deeds and acts of service, not just verbal expressions. True love, and true faith is real, it is practical, and it reflects God through our actions, which in turn meets the needs of others. Therefore, as believers, we are to act upon Gods love, not just think about it. Saving faith will produce good works, and loving one another will produce loving actions.

**James 1: 25 – 27,....**whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continuing therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed....if any man....seek to be religious....but decieveth his own heart, this mans religion is vain....pure religion and undefiled before God....is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world....

One of the characteristics and abilities given unto us by God is to study diligently and continue in it, actively applying Gods word to our lives so that we might be an example unto others. Now, this is not a one-time effort, but a continuous process of learning, growing, and living our life through our faith in God. So, how should we handle the study of Gods word, and what does it mean to live out our faith through Christ. The simple answer is to look with intent into the perfect word of God and obey what we see in it. Through Christ and his work on the cross, and by his resurrection, the word has been implanted within those, who will by faith receive, therefore, we hear, we obey, and we trust in his perfect word.

**Matthew 12: 35 – 37,....**a good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasures bringeth forth evil things....I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgement....for by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned....

The significance of our speech as a believer shows the true character of our relationship with God. Our words are not to be idle utterances, but rather our words reveal our hearts, and will be the basis of our judgement when we stand before God. Therefore, as believers, we will be held accountable for the message that we speak, for true faith is not just a matter of outward appearances or empty words, but true faith is a transformation that is reflected in our speech and in our actions.

**1 Peter 4: 11**,....if any man speak, let him speak as the oracle of God, if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth, that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen....

Being a doer of the word begins with Gods word. Hearing Gods word, listening to Gods word, and putting his word into practice in our life. This means that when we become obedient to Gods word, we will use our spiritual God given gifts to speak, to serve, and to focus on glorifying God, through our relationship with his Son, Christ Jesus.

Let us Pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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