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Difference Between a Doer and a Hearer

By Michael Grigsby

Many people listen to sermons, read devotionals, or regularly attend church. It is essential to keep learning about God and hearing messages from the Bible, but it's what we do after that that matters. James is saying that it's not enough to only hear the Word; we need to be living it out in our daily lives.

The Difference Between a Doer and a Hearer

Being a doer means living out everything you hear. It involves intentionally growing through God's Word. A hearer is the opposite; they only listen and are affected by it, but do nothing. They might live according to worldly values during the week and then come to church on Sunday seeking repentance. After that, they repeat the cycle without ever applying what they're learning. James tells us that "*Faith without works is dead*," which means you can't have one without the other (James 2:17 NIV). Faith doesn't work without both hearing and doing.

Think about it: If we only listen to God's word without taking action, how are we truly honoring and serving Him? Use your job as an example. Do you just show up and watch others work, or do you actively participate? Your faith works the same way. Don't just hear God's words — live them out. Show those around you the real change that faith can bring.

Living What You Hear

Living out what you hear is not just about following a set of rules; it involves allowing God's Word to take root so deeply in your heart that it transforms your view of the world and influences how you respond to people and circumstances around you.

Being a doer means allowing scripture to shape you into the best person you can be, a true follower of God. It influences your identity and behavior. From personal experience, I know that when we choose to live according to God's will by spending more time with Him and truly letting Him guide every part of our lives, we become the happiest and best version

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of ourselves, regardless of what we face.

It is important to remember that living out the word is not a sporadic act; it's an ongoing transformation. It's not just hearing "*love your enemies*," but embodying someone who no longer sees them as enemies, but as people who need God's love. God never intended for us to admire His word from afar. He meant for it to dwell within us, shaping us each day as we live it out.



Application

So, how do we really live out the word in our daily lives? Start small. Pick one verse that has recently stood out to you and write it down. Carry that verse with you and keep an eye out for how you can live it each day. Just one small action can make a huge difference.

For example, let's say you choose, "*32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*" Ephesians 4:32 NIV. Ask yourself, who can

I show unexpected kindness to today? Or maybe you pick, "*3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,*" Philippians 2:3 NIV. Look for a chance to put someone else's needs before your own. It doesn't have to be anything significant. One small act of God's Word is better than a hundred moments of only hearing it.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Brennan Garriott Laberta Thompson Keith & Judy Long	2 Caressa Hoskins Nicole White Juanita Rauh	3 Mason Byers Tom Robinson Cody Shepherd	4 Terry & Annie Farris	5	6 Bailee Grigsby
7 Chad Hoskins Tiffany Wiebener	8 C. G. Grabow Shannon Hoffman Mary Nelson Clayton Shepherd	9 R. D. Schultz	10 Bill Gary Arvin & Frances Bates	11 Roger Gibson Chelsey Lance	12	13 Garrett Lance Dean Randles Chris Vowell Tiffany Wieber Stormie Haigler
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28 Jesse Follis	29	30 Linda Woodall				
CWF Meetings 2nd Tuesday 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Jr High/Sr High Youth Meeting on WEDNESDAYS 6-7:00 p.m.	ADULT BIBLE STUDY Monday 6-7:00 p.m.	NOTE: Please notify us if a name needs to be removed or added. Contact Toni Goforth at: tonigo4th@hotmail.com or you may text or call 580-822-5109.		Evin Swartwood - September Brenda Palacios - October Becky Garriott - November 	

Praise the Lord!

"If any of you want to be my followers, you must forget about yourself. You must take up your cross each day and follow me."

[Luke 9:23]

Your God-Designed Task

The phrase "take up your cross" has not fared well through the generations. Ask for a definition, and you'll hear answers like "My cross is my little brother, my geometry class, my allergies, my schedule." The cross, we assume, is any hardship or hassle. God, we think, passes out crosses the way your teacher hands out homework assignments. No one wants one. Each one gets one. Everybody has a cross to bear, and we might as well get used to it.

But really. Is Jesus reducing the cross to hassles and headaches? The cross means so much more. It is God's instrument of salvation—proof of his love for people. To take up the cross, then, is to take up Christ's burden for the people of the world.

Though our crosses are similar, none are identical. We each have our own cross to carry—our individual callings. It's a sweet day when you discover your God-designed task. It fits. It marches your passions and enlists your gifts and talents. Want to blow the cloud cover off your gray day? Accept God's direction. Take up *your* cross.

—Max Lucado

ONE MORE THOUGHT

When you're trying to figure out your future, it can be hard to remember that God has a specific path in mind for you—one that is more than boring burden, one that is exciting and fulfilling. One God. One plan. One life. Take up your cross. You won't regret it.



Opportunity to Serve

Is God nudging you to serve Him? Absolutely! Let me tell you — He delights in those who praise and glorify Him from the choir loft!

As we lift up our hearts in song we receive unending riches — joy, love, fellowship, fun, and the list grows (*and of course, a Happy Director!*)

You don't have to be the greatest singer or know how to read music to participate. Just dedicate a little of your time on Wednesday evenings and be ready to sing at 7:00 p.m. Choir practice resumes Wednesday, September 10th.

We will be busy. Not only will we be learning the best Christmas Cantata yet, ALL IS WELL arranged by Russell Mauldin, but we will be rehearsing for nightly choir specials at the Fall Revival (More info to come).

So, listen and pray about that nudging to join the choir. Come, blend your voice with others. You will be blessed as we make a joyful noise!

LADIES CRAFT DAY OCTOBER 11TH

There will be a Ladies Craft Day on Saturday, October 11th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Fee for the class is \$15 per person for a fall or Christmas craft. Please bring a snack to share with the group. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer so that supplies can be purchased. See Joni or Jaime if you have any questions.