

**“Known For” Hearing and Obeying God’s Word
James 1:22-25**

What are you known for?

What are some popular slogans or jingles?

When someone hears the word “Christian,” or they hear that you are a Christian what would you like to be brought to mind for them?

Read John 8:31. What does Jesus say about his disciples?

Read James 1:19-21. What five attitudes does James say that we need to have as we come to the Word of God?

“quick to hear”

“slow to speak”

“slow to anger”

“examine themselves”

“with meekness”

Once again read John 8:31, what does it mean to “abide” in the Word?

To abide means to *“obey, observe, follow, keep, and stick to.”*

Read James 1:22-25.

When you were young, what did you want to “BE?”

Why does verse 22 say “doers” ...not hearers only? Why not just “doers?”

What is the purpose of a mirror?

What are some reasons that we might “forget” when we leave the Word of God?

Do we not want to remember? Are we rebelling? Are we distracted? Do we not really care? Do we think that we know better? Whatever the reason, what is seen is quickly forgotten.

Read 2 Tim 3:16, what is the purpose of the Word?

Read James 1:25. What is the proper response to the Word of God?

Why is the Word called “perfect” and the “law of liberty?”

The Word is called, “**the perfect law.**” “**Perfect,**” because the Bible is without error, sufficient and comprehensive. “**Law**” because we are to be obedient to it. In the same way it is called “**the law of liberty,**” because it frees us from being trapped in sin, destined for Hell and punishment and frees us up to follow the Bible (John 8:34-36). Because it frees us, it allows us to serve God not out of fear or mere sense of duty, but out of gratitude and love.

What are you? Are you a doer? Are you a “hearer only?”

Application:

Examine: What are your reasons for being a “doer?” Read Matt 12:34. Are your actions an overflow of your heart?

Repent: Is there something that you need to repent of? Is there a sin that you are holding back on? Something that you read and then leave the Word and forget about?

Connect: Are you connected? Are you willing to help another be a doer? Are you willing to ask for help in being a doer? Are you using your gifts to serve God?