

Following Jesus By Doing His Word

James 1:19-27

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The mark of a true follower of Jesus is _____.

1. God wants us to _____ His Word.

- Listen to God's Word _____.

"...You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry." James 1:19 (NLT)

- Accept God's Word with _____.

"...humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls". James 1:21 (NLT)

"Pride leads to disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom." Proverbs 11:2 (NLT)

2. God wants us to _____ His Word.

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3. God wants us to _____ His Word.

- Following Jesus is evidenced in our _____.

"If you claim to be religious but don't control your tongue, you are fooling yourself, and your religion is worthless." James 1:26 (NLT)

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- Following Jesus is evidenced in our _____.

“Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.” James 1:27 (NLT)

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Discussion Questions

1. God is not interested in smart Christians. He wants obedient followers. How does this statement set with you? Discuss the difference and why actions of obedience are the mark of a true follower of Jesus.
2. Read James 1:19-21. What are some of the obstacles that keep us from quickly listening and accepting God’s Word? How quick are you to listen to God’s Word? What role does humility play?
3. Discuss the three steps of doing God’s Word? Is one more challenging to you than the others? What are some steps you can take to help you be more successful in these?
4. Read James 1:26-27. These are some strong words! It is both our speech and our actions that reveal Jesus to the world around us. Discuss how both of these can either validate or invalidate our walk with Jesus.
5. Share ways that you can practically live out the instruction given in James 1:27. How can you today begin to live out what God has shown you in His Word?

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