

# How to Be Blessed by the Bible

## Surviving the Challenges of Life

*James 1:19-27*

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*But the truly happy people are those who carefully study God's perfect law that makes people free, and they continue to study it. They do not forget what they heard, but they obey what God's teaching says. Those who do this will be made happy.*  
— James 1:25 (NCV)

### I Must Receive God's Word (vs. 19-21)

*"accept the word planted in you"*

Four essential attitudes for good reception:

- a. Be Careful (vs. 19a)

*"be quick to listen, slow to speak"*

- b. Be Calm (vs. 19b)

*"and slow to become angry"*

- c. Be Clean (vs. 21a)

*"get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent"*

- d. Be Compliant (vs. 21b)

*"humbly accept the word planted in you"*

### I Must Reflect on God's Word (vs. 22-25)

Three practical ways to reflect:

- a. Read it (vs. 25a)

*"the man who looks intently into the perfect law"*

- b. Review it (vs. 25b)

*"and continues to do so"*

- c. Remember it (vs. 25c)

*"not forgetting what he has heard"*

### I Must Respond to God's Word (vs. 22-27)

*"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."*

Three biblical practices:

- a. A Controlled Tongue (vs. 26)

*"If anyone considers himself religious and does not keep a tight reign on his tongue he deceives himself and his religion is worthless"*

- b. A Caring Heart (vs. 27)

*"religion that our God and Father accepts as faultless is this. To look after orphans and widows in their distress."*

- c. A Clean Mind (vs. 27).

*"to keep oneself from being polluted by the world"*

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