

## The Follow-through of your Obedience

Sunday, September 27 / 20 --- James 1:19 – 27

*Therefore, put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. – James 1:21 – 22*

*Now, wherever you hear or see the Word preached, believed, professed, and lived, do not doubt that the true Christian Holy Church must be there... even if there were no other sign than this alone... for God's Word cannot be without God's people, and conversely, God's people cannot be without God's Word. – Martin Luther*

### Introduction: Born of the Word (1:18)

1. Believing the Word (quick to hear, slow to speak or get angry) (1:19 – 20)
2. Receiving the Word planted in you with meekness (1:21)
3. Doing the Word, not hearers only (1:22 – 24) – requires perseverance (1:25)

### Conclusion: A Religion of the Word (1:26 – 27)



## Study and Discussion Questions

*James 1:19-27*

### Open It

1. How does it affect you when a person is caught doing what he or she tells others not to do?
2. When are you most likely to lose your temper?

### Explore It

3. What instruction did James give about the relationship between speaking, listening, and anger? (1:19)
4. What is the relationship between anger and righteous living? (1:20)
5. What should a Christian clean out of his or her life? (1:21)
6. What analogy did James use to describe a person who does not do what the Bible says? (1:23-24)
7. How is a person's speech related to the credibility of his or her faith? (1:26)

### Get It

8. How can being quick to speak and quick to anger get you into trouble?
9. How do displays of anger and temper affect the witness of a Christian?
10. How does our speech reflect our relationship with God?
11. How have you experienced freedom by doing the Word of God?
12. How can we keep ourselves from being polluted by the world?

### Apply It

13. In what situations this week will you need to curb your anger? How can you?
14. What do you need to change in your actions this week to match your talk?