

Making the Bible Part of Your Life  
How to Use the Bible as a Guide – Part 1  
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*James 1:19-25 (ESV) Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. 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. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.*

**How to Use the Bible as a Guide:**

1st) I **LISTEN** to it.

*James 1:19 (ESV) Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear,*

*Romans 10:17 (ICB) So faith comes from hearing the Good News. And people hear the Good News when someone tells them about Christ.*

*2 Tim. 3:16-17 (ESV) All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.*

*Msg - There's nothing like the written Word of God for showing you the way to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another—showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us.*

- quick to hear

*James 1:19b (ESV) ... slow to speak, slow to anger;*

**Practices for Good Reception:**

**SILENCE**

*“Be quick to listen and slow to speak.”*

**CALMNESS**

*“And slow to become angry”*

*“Be still and know that I am God”*

*James 1:21 (ESV) Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.*

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### **CLEANNES**

*Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness*

### **READINESS**

*James 1:21c (ESV) and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.*

### 2nd) **PRACTICE IT**

*James 1:22 (ESV) “Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says!”*

- Turn it into actions.

*Matthew 7:24-27 (NIV) “Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”*

### 3rd) **STUDY**

*James 1:23 (ESV) For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror.*

*John 5:39 (NLT) “You search the Scriptures because you believe they give you eternal life. And the Scriptures point to me!”*

*Acts 17:11 (NLT) “The people of Berea were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, and they listened eagerly to Paul's message. They searched the Scriptures day after day to check up on Paul and Silas, to see if they were really teaching the truth.”*

### 4th) **MEMORIZE**

*James 1:25 (ESV) But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.*

- You remember what's important to you

*Joshua 1:8 (NIV) “Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.”*