

“Being Doers of the Word”

James 1:22-25

Intro:

If you really want to experience the wonder of the Word, the joy of Word, the energy, excitement, and adventure of the Word – it is not just in the hearing, *wonderful as that is*, **it is in the doing**. *That’s where the adventure really begins!*

I. An Arresting Declaration:

The word used for “listen” or “hearing” in **verse 22** – in the original Greek means = “**To audit**”.

“Don’t be someone who is auditing their spiritual life”

Are there areas of my life that I am auditing the course?

The intended purpose, or the ultimate objective, of the Word of God, at work in the life of a man or woman is twofold –

- 1) To reveal the truth.
- 2) That by that revealed truth men and women would begin to experience real, visible, tangible change.
That is = Transformation

There are at least two tensions which I deal with every time I preach.

- 1) That truth would be revealed.
- 2) The realization that the ultimate objective of the Word is not to just to reveal truth. The ultimate objective of the Word is that people, by the revealed truth, would be transformed from the inside to the outside in visible, tangible, touchable ways.

To often we are people who *mark our Bibles*, but *our Bibles don’t leave a mark on us*.

- Imagine knowing about the King of kings, but never having a real vibrant relationship with Him.
- Imagine knowing about grace, but never becoming a grace-ful person.
- Imagine knowing about kindness, but never becoming kind.
- Imagine knowing about forgiveness, but never becoming forgiving.
- Imagine knowing about obedience, but never submitting to it.
- Imagine knowing about faith, but when it comes to needing to walk in faith never believing.

Revelation without transformation is a deception.

Application:

Allow question into your heart – “**Am I auditing the course?**”

“Are you it in the game? Are you on the field? Are you ‘fleshing it out’?”