

How to Have a Faith That Works – 11/4/2018

How To Be Blessed By the Bible

James 1:21-25 Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. 22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. 23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. 25 But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it--he will be blessed in what he does.

1. You Have Been Given the Bible That You Might Be Blessed By It.

- a. There are wrong ideas about its purpose
- b. James tells us its true purpose:

1. to save you from God's future wrath – vs 25

John 20:30-31

I John 5:13

2. to save you from sin's present consequences - vs. 21a

2. You Won't Be Blessed By the Bible If Your Abuse It.

1. When we think of Bible abuse we want to think of the Cults
2. James is concerned with the abuse that is so common in the church

Ezekiel 33:30-33, Jonah Cain

3. The Proper Use of the Bible Brings God's Blessing

- a. There is a proper use that brings blessing - vs 25
 - b. You must hear it and obey it
- Mat. 7:24-27
Ps 119:11
- c. But isn't this salvation by works?

No - because you are to hear and obey ____ ____ ____

Vs 25 is simply a description of a

How do you respond when you read Rom 12

How have you been doing with James?