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HEARERS AND DOERS

1. Metaphor - the application of a word or a phrase used to suggest a comparison with another object or concept.
2. The Mirror Metaphor: Mirrors in the ancient world were made out of polished metal and had to be polished daily, analogous to the daily perception and metabolization of doctrine.
3. The mirror in our verse refers to Bible doctrine. Usually, people use mirrors for self-analysis. The believer looks into the mirror of God's Word for the purpose of analyzing his life with biblical accuracy.
4. Objective and accurate self-analysis is a part of the application of doctrine to experience. The accurate application of doctrine to experience is directional and includes four categories:
 - (a) Toward God, **James 4:6-8; 2:19-26.**
 - (b) Toward people, **James 2:1-13.**
 - (c) Toward self, **James 1:23-25,** the mirror metaphor.
 - (d) Toward prayer, **James 4:3; 5:16-18.**
5. The mirror metaphor is the application of Bible doctrine toward yourself. Self-analysis rather than self-absorption is objectivity. Every believer can use the privacy of his priesthood for objective self-analysis, which avoids the subjective self-analysis related to arrogance and running to someone else for counseling.
6. **James 1:23-24** makes a comparison between a "hearer" of the Word and a "doer" of the Word.

"Hearer" of the Word:

 - 1) Hearers of the Word fail to create a mirror in their souls in which they can analyze their lives from the privacy of their own priesthoods. They hear

the Word taught, but they do not believe it. Therefore, they lack the absolute source of truth that is needed for accurate self-analysis.

- 2) Losers look in the Bible to justify something they are doing that is wrong.

Others look in the

Word of God to admire themselves. We all get different impressions by looking into a mirror.

When you look into the mirror alone, it is like reading the Bible for yourself. Someone else

looking into the mirror with you and describing what you look like is like the pastor teaching BD.

- 3) Hearing the Word without being positive to doctrine causes the loser-believer to reject any doctrinal teaching that might condemn him.

- 4) The hearer of the Word generally lies to himself. He sees something in the word of God but

says to himself that it does not really apply to him, when in fact it does.

When you are full of self-

justification, it is inevitable that you will deceive yourself.

- 5) The hearer glances at himself in the mirror and rejects what he sees because it is very unflattering.

He claims that something must be wrong with the messenger or the message, but surly not him.

- 6) The less amount of doctrine you have in your soul, the more foggy the mirror, and you cannot

see yourself as you really are. The fact that the hearer immediately forgets what he saw means that the doctrine that was taught did not register with him.

- 7) Hearers only produce wood, hay, and stubble which are human good, dead works and evil.

7. **James 1:25** focuses on the “Doer” of the Word

- 1) When you are positive to doctrine, you see yourself as you really are.

You are not commanded by God to get counseling from others. You are

commanded to analyze yourself and apply doctrine to your own experience. God designed you to be spiritually self-sustaining.

- 2) Doers of the Word look intently at the mirror which means to be filled with the Holy Spirit and to concentrate as you consistently take in the Word of God.
- 3) The doer recognizes that the Bible is the only the textbook for the objective and accurate self-analysis. If you make the right decisions from your self-analysis you will have self-respect or spiritual self-esteem.
- 4) Doers of the Word take advantage of the perfect law of freedom, which refers to the Word of God. God has provided true equal opportunity and true freedom for every Church Age believer to learn Bible doctrine.
- 5) **John 8:32** – ***You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free.*** Only God can provide true equality and true freedom because He is infinitely fair and just. The Grace System of Perception is available to every believer.
- 6) The “doer of the Word” does not refer to Christian service. It refers to the believer who executes the Christian way of life through the intake, metabolization, and application of Bible doctrine. He consistently Rebounds as he advances to the top floors of the Divine Domain.
- 7) The positive believer looks into the mirror of the Word of God, not to produce his own reflection, but to produce the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ, **II Cor. 3:17-18.**
- 8) The great glory that belongs to the believer will never be revealed until the resurrection or Rapture of the Church. Then the invisible heroes will be the most visible people in eternity.