

LIFE HACKS

FOR TOUGH TIMES & ROUGH RELATIONSHIPS

.....[A STUDY ON THE BOOK OF JAMES].....

James 1:19-27

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“But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.” – James 1:22

□ This week’s Life Hack: LUGGAGE



James 1:19-21

☉ Everyone Wants to be **HEARD** (vs. 19-20)
- *Hurry up and listen.*

“Spouting off before listening to the facts is both shameful and foolish.”
- Proverbs 18:13 (17:27, 25:12)

☉ Sometimes We Just Need to Shut our **MOUTHS** (vs. 21)
- *So many people are on edge right now.*

“Too much talk leads to sin. Be sensible and keep your mouth shut.”
- Proverbs 10:19 (13:3, 17:28, 21:23)
EXAMPLE = Job 1:22

LIFE HACK #1 If You Want A Better Heart Use Your EARS.

***** If we are busy about the mission of God it is easier to forget about ourselves and focus on doing. *****

“**So Will I (100 Billion X)**” - Hillsong UNITED



James 1:22-25

- ☉ No action = No acceptance of God’s Word (Matthew 7:21, 24-27)
- ☉ What’s the point of a Mirror? (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)
- ☉ Put Your Face to the Ground (John 8:31-32)

“If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.” – John 13:17

LIFE HACK #2 Obedience Brings BLESSING.

James 1:26-27

- ☉ True religion is “doing” (Matthew 25:31-46)
- ☉ Stay on the Mission (Romans 12:2, 2 Peter 1:3-4)

“Learn to do good. Seek justice. Help the oppressed. Defend the cause of orphans. Fight for the rights of widows.” – Isaiah 1:17

LIFE HACK #3 DO WHATEVER It Takes.



DIGGING DEEPER

(For use in personal/family devotions or with your care group)

- Q1:** Share an example where your words got you in trouble.
- Q2:** What does it say about our hearts that we often find it difficult to listen instead of expressing our opinion? Why is it difficult?
- Q3:** Outside of church how does Scripture influence how you think and live?
- Q4:** Why is it deceptive to hear God’s Word and not obey it?
- Q5:** List some areas of your life where you’ve said you’re willing to obey, but you are not actually obeying. How will you move forward in these areas?
- Q6:** How have you experienced obedience leading to blessing and freedom in your life?
- Q7:** Read Matt. 25:31-46. What are some evidences of true followers of Christ? Do you see these evidences (even if not perfect) in your life?
- Q8:** Read Matt. 7:21-27. How does this passage explain our ability to Hear the word of God and Do the word of God? *Both builders heard the gospel!*