

Hearing and Doing

James 1:22-25

You can know about bread and feel proud about your wisdom.
You can buy bread and feel excited that it's in your hands.
But unless you eat the bread, it won't actually do you any good.

- ★ If God's Word is only in your head, it's **information**. You are just a **Pharisee**.
- ★ If it's only in your heart, it's **inspiration**. You are just a **fanatic**.
- ★ When it bleeds out of you, it's **incarnation**. You are **authentic**.

The Fruit of Daily Devotions

1. **Knowing God better** — James 1:25 — "Intently" means "with intention". We must seek, be curious, and have the desire to learn. And God is accessible, not hidden (Isaiah 45:19; Jeremiah 29:13).
2. **Creative affinity** — People begin to resemble what they love most. The more we love God, the more we become the people He created us to be. (Deuteronomy 6:5)
3. **Freedom** — John 8:32 — The truth alone doesn't free us. We must KNOW the truth.
4. **Joy of obedience** — 1 John 5:3 — We can measure our love for God by how burdened or joyful we feel when obeying Him. If His requirements seem tough, we should go back to the cross and consider His sacrifice and compassion for us.