

APPLY THE WORD Pt. 1

Amos 8:11 "Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord GOD, "when I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine for bread, Nor a thirst for water, But rather for _____ the words of the LORD.

2 Timothy 3:13-14 But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, _____.
14 But _____ in the things which you have learned and been assured of {from the Scriptures}, knowing from whom you have learned them,

2 Timothy 4:2-5 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. 5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

1. Does God view both the knowledge and application of the Word of God as important in your Christian life? (James 1:19-25)

James 1:22a - But be {ginomai – to be or become; present tense, imperative mood; involves spiritual growth over time} _____ {appliers; doers} **of** {the object of the application} **the** _____ {the WOG}, **and not hearers** {James 1:19-21} _____ {or merely; to be satisfied with hearing only but not applying the WOG}.

2. When knowledge of the WOG alone becomes the aim of hearing the WOG, what is the result?

James 1:22b - _____ {to reckon or account inaccurately; deception is the creation of a belief in the mind that is contrary to fact or reality; to delude} _____ {the object who is deceived}.

• Who are not exempt from self-deception?

- 1) _____ are not exempt. (Mark 10:19-20)
- 2) _____ are not exempt. (Romans 16:17-18)
- 3) _____ are not exempt. (Matthew 23:27)
- 4) _____ are not exempt. (Rev. 3:17)
- 5) _____ are not exempt. (James 1:22)

• Where are we prone to deceive ourselves?

- 1) Regarding our _____ with God. (1 John 1:5-10)
- 2) Regarding the influence of _____ in our lives. (1 Cor. 15:33-34)
- 3) Regarding your _____ and _____. (Gal. 6:7-9)
- 4) Regarding the _____ to _____. (James 1:13-16)

- **What are the causes of deception?**

- 1) Because of the _____ or _____. (Jer. 17:9; Rom. 7:11)
- 2) Because of the problem of _____. (Gal. 6:3; Rom. 12:3)
- 3) Because of the _____ of this _____. (1 Cor. 3:18)

- **What is the remedy for self-deception?**

James 1:23 For if {1st} anyone {a believer in context; apply to yourself} is a hearer of the word {only} and _____ a doer, he is like a man observing {observing, look intently; gazing, contemplating} his natural face in a mirror;

24 for he observes himself {so as to arrive at a conclusion of what he looks like and what adjustments are needed}, goes away, and immediately _____ {to forget or disregards} what kind of man he was. {So what has he gained from the mirror? Nothing but perhaps self-deception}.

25 But he who _____ {to look intently with head bowed forward} into the perfect law of liberty {the Word which brings freedom and change} and continues {parameno – to continue or abide; Psalm 1:1-3; } in it {the WOG}, and is _____ a forgetful hearer but a _____ of the work, this one will be _____ {conditionally} in what he does {not intending to do but what he actually does}.

John 13:17 "If you know these things, _____ are you if you _____ them.

Revelation 1:3 Blessed is he who reads and those who _____ the words of this prophecy, and _____ {to heed or observe; apply} those things which are written in it; for the time is near.

In our next study we will ask and answer the questions:

- 1) Is obedience legalism?
- 2) What motivates obedience in the Christian life?
- 3) What enables obedience in the Christian life?
- 4) How does growth relate to obedience in Christian living?
- 5) Where do imperatives apply in the faith-rest life?
- 6) What are four imbalances to avoid in hearing the Word?