

# Not Hearers Only

Life in Christ: Wealth, Walk, Warfare (Ephesians) – Part 79

Ephesians 4:1, James 1:22

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“Therefore I urge you — I, the prisoner in the Lord — to walk  
worthily of the calling with which you were  
called...”(Ephesians 4:1 DJP)

“But become doers of the word, and not only hearers, deluding  
yourselves.”(James 1:22 DJP)

## Introduction:

### I. Scripture In and Of Itself

#### A. What Scripture Is: \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Timothy 3:16)

All Scripture is God-breathed, and is beneficial for teaching, for reproof, for restoration, for training which is in righteousness... [DJP]

#### B. What Scripture \_\_\_\_\_

1. Discloses God's \_\_\_\_\_  
Genesis \_\_\_\_:26  
Genesis \_\_\_\_:17-19  
Jeremiah \_\_\_\_:11  
Ezekiel \_\_\_\_:11  
John \_\_\_\_:16  
Ephesians \_\_\_\_:4

2. Reveals God's \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Timothy \_\_\_\_:16-17)

3. Mediates God's \_\_\_\_\_ (Deuteronomy \_\_\_\_:10-12)

(Gen. 18:14; Ps. 19:7ff.; 119:7, 40, 86, 89, 129, 137, 142, 160; John 17:17; Isa. 55:11; Luke 1:37)

4. Accomplishes God's \_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah \_\_\_\_:10-11)

### II. The Impact of Scripture \_\_\_\_\_

#### A. \_\_\_\_\_ly

1. I *am* left \_\_\_\_\_ and vulnerable (Hebrews 4:12-13a)
2. I *will* \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 4:13b)
  - a. In real terms, it *starts* like this:
  - b. ... then it *proceeds* like this:
    - i. I *always do* respond

- ii. Options: two and only two:  
(1) First (and best!) option: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_  
  
(2) Last (and worst!) option: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

3. I *will* be \_\_\_\_\_ for my response (John 12:47-48)

**B.** \_\_\_\_\_ly

1. On the *one* hand, *if* I trust and obey
  - a. I am blessed (John 13:17)
  - b. I conform to Christ's image (Hebrews 5:8)
  - c. I grow in holiness and fruitfulness (Colossians 1:9-10)
  - d. My life is a blessing to others (Titus 3:1)  
And also our own *people* must learn to take the lead in good works, for the pressing needs,<sup>1</sup> in order that they might not be unfruitful. [DJP]
  - e. God is glorified (1 Peter 2:12)
  - f. It ends fantastically for me (1 Peter 1:7)
  
2. On the *other*, if I distrust and rebel
  - a. My heart begins to harden (Proverbs 29:1a)
  - b. I do not grow or prosper (Proverbs 28:13a)
  - c. Guilt drives me to run (Proverbs 28:1)
  - d. I try hard to shift attention and blame (1 Kings 18:17-18; remember Genesis 3)
  - e. God is still glorified (Leviticus 10:3)
  - f. But it ends very badly for me (Proverbs 29:1b; Hebrews 10:31; 12:25-29)

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<sup>1</sup> Literally "the necessary needs."