

Key Passage Study

James 1:25

Key Passage

*(Commit passage to memory & write out things you learn from the passage, not taking anything else into account except what is said in the **key passage** itself).*

1. The perfect law of liberty is something to be looked into.
2. It is something to continue in.
3. It is something to hear
4. It is a work.
5. The one who hears, looks into, continues in this work will be blessed in what he does.
6. This is applicable to an individual's personal work "he," and "this one."

Context

(Study context, verses before and after that relate to key passage, and write out what you learn from the context that helps you to properly understand the key passage).

1. Context is verse 19 through 27.
2. We are to be people who listen first and speak second (v. 19). Being quick tempered makes us slow listening and quick to speak!
3. Therefore, the solution to being good listeners of God is to remove wickedness, receive the good word and reproduce it (Jas. 2:21, 22).
4. James points out the foolishness of hearing but not doing (vv. 23-24).
5. Two persons contrasted: the one in verse 25 is therefore in set contrast against the one in verses 23, 24 because he hears, looks into, and does the work.
6. James gives application of this principle in verses 26, 27:
 - A. One who fails to bridle his tongue (quick to speak).
 - B. One who visits those in need
 - C. One who keeps himself unspotted from the world.

Cross References

(Find and study cross references and write out how they relate to the key passage).

1. Looking into God's word (Prov. 14:15; "look" same word as Luke 24:12. . . "stooping down").
2. Continuing, persevering. . .see Heb. 12:2 (looking). Also note Jn. 8:31; Acts 13:42, 43; 14:21, 22).
3. Doers of the word (v. 22) is parallel to doers of the work (v. 25). 1 Thessalonians 1:3; Jas. 2:26; Luke 6:46-49. We must be active
4. The blessed man is a rewarded man! Note: Psalm 1:1ff; 19:7-11; 106:3; Luke 11:27-28; Rev. 22:18

Application

(Write out how the key passage, with an understanding of the context and cross references, applies for us today).

1. The Christian religion is a religion that practices what it teaches.
2. God's word is not something to casually peruse. It must be "looked into."