

Text: James 1:21-25
Topic: Obedience
Series: Growing Up (part 3 of 4)

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Taking The Next Step

How to Leave Church With More Than a Worksheet

1:21 Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. 22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. 23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. 25 But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does. (NIV)

1. Remember _____ (v.21)

2. Beware of _____ (vv.22-24)

3. Prepare to _____ (v.25)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. It is recommended that you take time this week to write out your response to each of these questions. This will help to drive home the point of today's message and will help you apply the principles to your life situation. These questions are also used as the basis of discussion for many of our small group studies that meet throughout the week. For times and locations of PCC's small group gatherings that are meeting this week call the church office (949-489-2600).

1. Read Proverbs 18:12 and Proverbs 15:33. How do you think this applies to "teachability", spiritual growth, and taking the next step in applying sermons that one hears?

To continue to grow in the Christian life we must be aware of areas in our lives that need attention. How tuned in are you to the areas that "still need a lot of work" in your walk with Christ? What are some of those areas?

Give a recent example or two of how your responsiveness and humble reception of a sermon has been the catalyst of godly change in your life.

2. Give an example of how your positive reception (and resultant life-change) in response to a sermon has saved you grief and other negative consequences.
3. What are some of the practical problems and consequences associated with learning more about God without at the same time becoming more godly?

When in your Christian life have you experienced this?

4. What will you do from now on to insure that you take at least one action step away from each sermon?

What accountability will you establish to insure that you follow through with those action steps?