

**GOD'S "HOW-TO" MANUAL**  
**# 3 - How to Benefit from God's Word**  
**James 1:19-27**

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**1. Hearing the Word of God. James 1:19-20**

*How should we hear the Word of God?*

- Eagerly – *“quick to listen”*
- Reverently – *“slow to speak and slow to become angry”*

**2. Receiving the Word of God. James 1:21**

This is hearing at a deeper level. Hearing lets it in the ear. Receiving lets it in the heart.

- The condition for receiving: A clean heart – *“get rid of all moral filth...”*
- The attitude for receiving: A humble, teachable spirit – *“humbly accept the word...”*

**3. Practicing the Word of God**

- The folly of not practicing the Word. v. 23-24
- The benefits of practicing the Word. v. 25-27
  - Spiritual enrichment. v. 25
    - God's Word is perfect – *“the perfect law...”*
    - God's Word is powerful – *“...that gives freedom”*
    - The blessing comes with application – *“he will be blessed in what he does”*
  - Spiritual expression (that gives validation to our faith) v. 26-27
    - Practicing self-control – *“keep a tight rein on his tongue...”*
    - Responding compassionately toward human need – *“to look after orphans and widows...”*
    - Walking in purity – *“to keep oneself from being polluted...”*