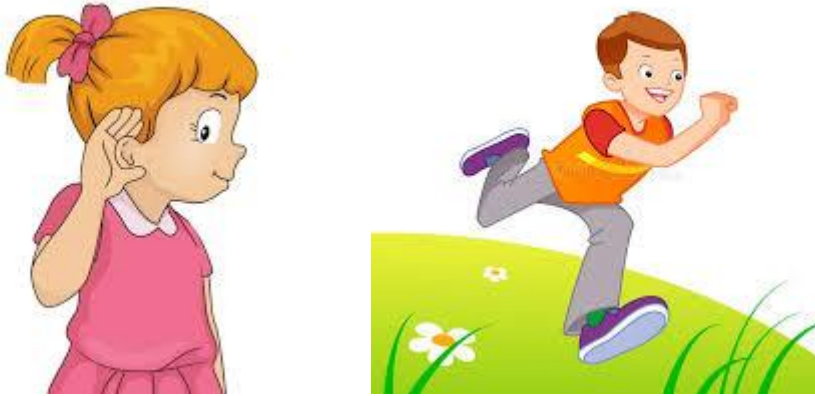


Luke 11:28, “But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.”



May my ears be ready, and my feet be quick; so when I hear the Word of God, I keep it!

Psalm 119:59-60, “I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies. I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments.”

Notice the word ‘haste’ in this verse. God does not delight in our procrastination when it comes to obedience. Procrastination is the seed that germinates into forgetfulness and disobedience. When God clearly says to do something, do it right now, don’t wait.

Exodus 24:7, “And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient.”

Being eager to hear God’s commandments and then following those commandments is a choice I make each day. We must decide each day to listen and follow.

Matthew 7:24, “Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:”

If wisdom is found in hearing and keeping God’s commandments, then foolishness is found in the opposite – wisdom built upon a rock or foolishness built upon sand. Doing our own way or ignoring God’s instruction will lead only to building our mansions upon sand: they will crumble and become worthless in the end.

James 1:22, “But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”

Saying what you will do and not doing it is akin to wearing spiritual blinders. Your words and lack of action not only grow rust on your character, your testimony affects others around you. This negative affect hurts those you love the most: your family. Let’s wake up and realize why Satan wants to deceive us – his goal is to hurt deeply those around us so they withdraw from all things spiritual. The devil

enjoys seeing us become hypocrites – sharp tools for his work. A backslidden Christian in the hands of the devil is a powerful tool of destruction. Note that in this verse this person is not a backslidden Christian that is so deep into sin that they do not attend church. This person is a regular church goer.

Have you ever read those articles which have questions to answer testing yourself on a certain subject? At the end of the test, you compare the results to reveal a truth about yourself you may have never noticed before. Like articles which reveal how well you communicate with your children or your spouse, or what your love language may be?

This verse is sort of like one of those test questions: Are you a hearer of the Word and not a doer? If the answer is 'Yes', then God's Word is revealing to you a serious blindness. Pride is the vehicle which places spiritual blindness upon us and deceives us, but humbleness through the Word of God and the tugging of the Holy Spirit helps us to see our true condition. Then we must decide, will we continue to wear the blinders or will we do something about it?

James 1:25, "But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed."

Do you want God's blessings for your life? Do you want God to bless your loved ones? Do you want God to bless the work of your hands? Then STAY in the Bible, continually – each day, forgetting not what you read and putting action behind the instruction found in God's Word. The Bible shouldn't be just a 'good read' to start each day before you work. It should be our instruction manual for each day's work.

Luke 8:21, "And he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it."

I want God to look upon me fondly as a child looks upon his mother and siblings. Don't you?

Then let's be eager to hear the Word of God and keep it!