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# Doers OF THE word

*John Roughton*

**James 1:18 (ESV)**

**Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.**

It is impossible to live an abundant life in Christ without recognizing the supreme value of God's Word. What does the Word say about itself? **Psalm 19:10** says of God's words, **More to be desired are they than gold.**

I recently saw a video of men searching for gold. It was a labor-intensive process. First, they scooped a small amount of dirt from the river side. They poured it into a sieve and allowed the currents to wash away the larger stones and debris. Then they placed the finer sand in a shallow pan and sloshed it around. Since gold is heavy it can be separated from the rest of the sand. After much meticulous work they might find one speck of gold. Why bother? Because one gram of gold is worth Rs.7,000.

If we understood the worth of God's Word, we would diligently search for it. We would gladly dig into the Word to find nuggets of truth. Just one Word can change your life.

**Psalm 119:162**

**I rejoice at your word like one who finds great spoil.**

If you saw 50 paisa on the ground, you might

not even give it a second glance. If you saw Rs.10 you might pick it up, though some wouldn't. If you found Rs.100 you might say, "Hey, look what I found." If it was Rs.1,000, you'd be happy. What if you found Rs.10,000, I guess your joy would be tenfold. How about 1 lakh? There would be dancing in the street. How about 1 crore? You'd probably pass out.

The way you respond to the Word reveals the value you place on it.

Some people read the Bible like an old newspaper, nonchalantly, disinterested. Let us never forget, men had died so we could have the Word of God in print. **William Tyndale** was strangled to death and his body burned at the stake in 1536 for translating the Bible into English.

Others traveled to foreign lands, lived in hostile environments, learned the local dialect, in some cases, and even created an alphabet, so that every tribe could have God's Word in their language.

**Psalm 138:2**

**for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.**

Some translations say, "You have magnified your word above your name." We should have the same reverence for God's Word as we do God's name.

The ten commandments are listed their order of importance. The third command is **You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain (Exodus 20:7)**. That means to speak God's name frivolously or flippantly is a serious sin. But that also means we should not speak God's Word insincerely and without due respect.

It is my ambition to help every child of God not only reveres the Word, but also loves it.

**James 1:18** (Passion)  
**God was delighted to give us birth by the truth of his infallible Word.**

**It is impossible to live an abundant life in Christ without recognizing the supreme value of God's Word.**

God recreated our spirit through his Word. And his Word is **infallible**, it is incapable of being wrong. It cannot fail.

**1 Peter 1:23**  
**you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God**

Just as seeds reproduce the life of vegetation, so God reproduces himself in us through the seed of his Word. We are more than blessed and forgiven, we are born of God. We have inherited his life and nature.

There is life in the Word. The fault I find with many Christians is, they are trying to live for Jesus apart from the Word. But we can't serve God without the Word anymore than a sinner can be saved without the Word.

**James 1:18** refers to believers as a kind of

**firstfruits of his creatures.**

In the Law, the first fruits, the first portion to be harvested in a field, was consecrate as an offering to God. We are to present ourselves to God as those who have passed from death to life.

(NLT) **And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession.**

(ICB) **He wanted us to be the most important of all the things he made.**

In some places, people look down on Christians. But believers are the most important people on earth. We are God's people. We are his family.

Year ago I was scheduled to fly from Bagdogra to Calcutta, but my flight was canceled. So I inquired about taking the train. I overheard one blond-hair young lady surrounded by a few older folks say that she was going to fly to Delhi and from there fly to Calcutta. Thinking she was a tourist, I said to her, "Excuse, I don't mean to butt in, but that's a long way to go." She said to me, "I am a member of the Sikkimese Royal family. And whenever I travel through Assam I am harassed." I felt foolish for interjecting myself into the conversation.

People may not recognize who we are. And in a sense we are tourists in this world. This is not our home. But we are members of God's royal family.

**James 1:19**  
**Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger;**

Quick to hear what? the latest gossip? No, the **word of truth**. God's Word. All of us hear at the same rate, the speed of sound. He means our ears should be inclined, we should be eager to listen to and readily accept the Word.

Notice he didn't say, "Let every person be quick to read." He said, **quick to hear**. Some

Christians regard what they see printed on the pages of the Bible. But when you preach that same Bible from the pulpit, they are dismissive.

When we expound on the Word, when we give instructions from the Word, you should lean in. If you were driving in a strange city and stopped to ask directions, if the person was telling you which way to go, would you roll your eyes, look down at the ground, and yawn? With God's help we're showing you how to get where you need to go, so listen.

### James 1:21

**Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.**

The words **put away** in Greek were used to describe men removing their robes, or laying aside their garments. Notice before you can **receive** something from God, you may have to get rid of some things that are not of God.

The Greek word for **rampant** also means "residue." There's a cup in my house that I normally use for drinking tea. The inside is stained and whatever I drink from that cup has a tea flavor. There is a residue, something left over from a previous experience. Anything left over from your old man, needs to be removed.

Your spirit doesn't have a residue of sin in it. But your soul does. The Word can **save your souls**. It renews your mind, heals your emotions, changes your thinking, and redirects your will.

Notice James said receive the Word **with meekness**. The opposite of that is to be *slow* to hear, *quick* to comment or criticize, and *quick* to get angry about something you don't like.

### James 1:22

**But be doers of the word, and not hearers**

**only, deceiving yourselves.**

The Bible School students and the church members have heard a lot, they are familiar with much. But knowledge alone is not enough. We must put the Word into practice.

To be deceived is to believe something that isn't true. Those who only hear the Word but never act on it are believing a lie. What lie? They think they're blessed simply because they know the Bible.

James said, **be doers**. Years ago, I baked a cake. No one calls me a baker because I once baked a cake. Bakers do this everyday. Every Christian once in a while does something Biblical—it's almost impossible not to. But a **doer** does it everyday.

What Word should we do? The Word we are quick to hear, that we receive with meekness, that is implanted in us.

### James 1:23

**For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror.**

The Word is a mirror. The mirror on my wall shows me what I look like physically. But the Word shows me who I am spiritually. The problem is we catch a glimpse of ourselves through God's eyes, but when the service is over, we forget. The image we once saw so clearly, vanishes from our minds like a mirage.

### James 1:25

**But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.**

The word for **look** literally means, "to bend over." It is not a glance, it means to peer into, to inspect carefully. The word for **perseveres** means, "to stay near." It means to be perma-

ment. The doer of the Word lives in the Word. Whatever you're constantly hearing and seeing has the greatest impact on your life. And James calls the Word, **the law of liberty**, it brings freedom. Whatever you need to be released from is found in the Word.

And notice the result: he is **blessed**.

Kenneth Copeland got saved when he was 30 years old, married and with children. He knew God had called him to the ministry. But he was in debt, with no money and no job. He didn't have any contacts in the ministry, and no support. He lived in a shabby little house in a bad part of town.

But he decided to give himself completely to the Word. He made one little room in the house his office. He woke up every morning, had breakfast and then kissed his wife as if he was going to work. He went into that room and studied the Word until lunch. After lunch he studied until dinner. He treated it like an 8-hour a day job.

He heard Brother Hagin teach on faith and it blew him away. So he drove to Kenneth Hagin Ministries offices. He met with the office manager and said, "I want to have all the audio teachings that you have for sale. (In those days they had large reel-to-reel tapes.) But I don't have any money. But my car is parked in front of your building. I'll give you the title to my car until I can give you the money."

The office manager looked out the window and saw the broken down car and thought, "We don't want that piece of junk parked in front of our offices." So he said, "It's alright. You don't have to do that. I'll give you all the tapes we have."

Kenneth Copeland listened to all those teachings over and over. He read nothing but the Word. He didn't read the newspaper. He

didn't watch television. He leaned into it, he stayed permanently near it.

One day a pastor called and said, "We were supposed to have a guest speaker in our church but he canceled. Do you know anyone we could invite on short notice?" Kenneth Copeland said, "Yeah. Me!"

He was so full of the Word, he preached like fire. Another pastor was attending the service and said, "That's what we need in our church! Preach for me too!" So he went there. And on and on.

He preached in some of the worst places imaginable. Sometimes the crowds were tiny. But he stayed with it.

He believed God for an office and equipment. He began recording his own teachings. Most of his first messages he copied directly from Brother Hagin — you have to start somewhere.

Then God said, "I want you to go on television." It seemed ridiculous at the time. But he did what he did before, he acted on the Word. Today, he has his own corporate jet and his own television channel!

You may know God's plan for the future, or you may not have a clue. But regardless, concentrate on being a doer of the Word, and the rest will fall into place.

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# OCCUPY TILL I COME

*Sister Tory*

All significant events in a person's life like a wedding, the birth of a child, planning for retirement etc requires preparation so that you are ready when that day arrives.

Well I have a question for you dear reader, are you ready for Jesus' return, have you been making preparations for that day? It is the most important event in all the world that is about to take place.

**Faithfulness in God's eyes is correlated with fruitfulness, for which you will be rewarded.**

Jesus spoke in numerous parables about the signs of the end and the manner of His return clearly. He wants us to be fully prepared. We should not be alarmed of catastrophic world events that are unfolding before our eyes, it is simply prophecy from the scriptures being fulfilled, and instead we should rejoice that the hour is drawing near. However the manner of our waiting is crucial. The Lord expects all of us to

be faithful in His absence. Faithfulness in God's eyes is correlated with fruitfulness, for which you will be rewarded.

*"That slave whose master finds him working when he comes will be rewarded."*  
*Matthew 24:46*

In the parable of the talents, the master gave the servants talents "according to his own ability" *Matthew 25:15* meaning the master knew what each servant was capable of producing.

Whatever God has called, equipped and entrusted you to do for His Kingdom, He expects you to fulfill it. Yet there are some like the servant with the 1 talent that question the sufficiency of God's grace and would rather be doing something they prefer than assigned. You will not be rewarded for doing your own work!

We must desire to "share your master's joy!" *Matthew 25:21*

In the parable of the 10 minas, the master instructed the servants to "Occupy till I come" *Luke 19:13*. The Greek work for occupy is *pragmatēuōmai*: to busy oneself. Someone who is busy, engaged in busi-

ness is never found idle. Being idle implies you are doing nothing and that is simply being lazy.

This is how God views laziness *“A lazy person is as bad as someone who destroys things” Proverbs 18:9*

It is no wonder the master called the servant with the 1 talent “lazy and wicked” Nobody wants to be called that!

The time is short, if you’ve been discouraged it’s time to encourage yourself in the Lord. If you’ve felt like giving up remember God would not call you to do something he has not made you capable of. Comparison is a distraction from the enemy. If you’ve been watching from the side lines, what are you waiting for? There’s work to be done.

**We must show up all the more, the Good News of the Kingdom must be proclaimed in all the world and then the end will come. It will be glorious!**

Remember it took a record of 52 days to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem in Nehemiah’s day, it was possible because everyone got involved, some worked on the wall while some held weapons and guarded the work and others did double duty. They worked with one hand and held weapons on the other hand. The responsibilities varied. Much can be accomplished in less time when everyone shows up and goes to work.

When a ship faces a sudden storm or an

enemy in battle, the captain announces a command “All hands on deck” which means everyone must show up and do their part.

**Fear not, those that have made the Lord their safe refuge shall not be swept away, those that are lovingly devoted to Him, He shall deliver.**

Jesus tell us that it shall be as the days of Noah before He returns, we can expect violence to be wide spread but we must show up all the more, the Good News of the Kingdom must be proclaimed in all the world and then the end will come. It will be glorious!

Fear not, those that have made the Lord their safe refuge shall not be swept away, those that are lovingly devoted to Him, He shall deliver.

*“Yes, I am coming quickly.”  
Revelation 22:20*



**Tory**



# जब तक मैं आऊँ, लगे रहो

*Sister Tory*

एक व्यक्ति के जीवन के सभी महत्वपूर्ण अनुभव जैसे विवाह, बच्चे का जन्म, सेवानिवृत्ति आदि के लिए तैयारी की आवश्यकता होती है ताकि वह दिन आने पर आप तैयार रहें।

प्रिय पाठक, मेरा आपके लिए एक सवाल है, क्या आप यीशु मसीह के आगमन के लिए तैयार हैं? क्या आप उस दिन के लिए तैयारी कर रहे हैं? वह दिन पूरे जगत की सबसे जरूरी घटना है जो जल्द ही घटने वाली है।

यीशु ने कई दृष्टान्तों में अंत समय के चिन्ह और उसके लौटने के बारे में बोला है। वह चाहता है हम पूर्णतः तैयार रहें। हमें प्रलयकारी घटनाओं से डरने की जरूरत नहीं जो हमारी आँखों के सामने घटित हो रही हैं। यह केवल वचन की भविष्यद्वान्नी है जो पूर्ण हो रही है, बल्कि हमें खुशी मनानी चाहिए कि वह समय निकट आ रहा है।

मगर प्रतीक्षा का ढंग निर्णायक है। परमेश्वर

अपनी अनुपस्थिति में हम सभी से वफादारी की उम्मीद करता है। परमेश्वर की नज़र में वफादारी फल देने से जुड़ी है जिसके लिए आपको पुरस्कार मिलेगा।

**“धन्य है वह दास, जिसे उसका स्वामी आकर ऐसा ही करता पाए।” मत्ती 24:46**

तोड़े के दृष्टान्त में, स्वामी ने दासों को “उसकी सामर्थ्य के अनुसार” तोड़े दिए (मत्ती 25:15)

मतलब स्वामी को मालूम था कि हर दास क्या कमा सकता है।

जो भी परमेश्वर ने आपको बुलाकर, सज्जित कर सौंपा है उसके राज्य के लिए करने के लिए, वह अपेक्षा रखता है कि आप उसे पूर्ण करें। जबकि कुछ हैं उस दास की तरह जो 1 तोड़े के साथ हैं। वे परमेश्वर के अनुग्रह पर सवाल उठाते हैं और वह करते हैं जो वे चाहते हैं नाकि वह जो उन्हें दिया गया है। आपको अपना कार्य करने के लिए ईनाम नहीं दिया जाएगा!

हमारी इच्छा होनी चाहिए कि “अपने स्वामी के आनंद में सहभागी हों।” मती 25:21

10 मीना के दृष्टान्त में स्वामी ने दासों को कहा “मेरे लौट आने तक लेन-देन करना।” लूका 19:13 यूनानी भाषा में लेन-देन करने का मतलब है: **खुद को व्यस्त करना।**

जो व्यस्त है, व्यापार में लगा हुआ है कभी निठल्ला नहीं पाया जाएगा। बेकार बैठने का मतलब है कि आप कुछ नहीं कर रहे हैं और आलसी हैं।

परमेश्वर इस तरह आलस को देखता है “ जो काम में आलस करता है, वह बिगाड़ने वाले का भाई ठहरता है।” नीतिवचन 18:9

अतः यह कोई चमत्कार की बात नहीं कि स्वामी ने 1 तोड़े वाले दास को “आलसी और दुष्ट” कहा। कोई भी ऐसा कहलाना नहीं चाहता।

समय कम है, यदि आप निरुत्साहित हैं, तो खुद को परमेश्वर में उत्साहित करने का समय आ गया है। यदि आप हार मानने की सोच रहे हैं तो याद रखिए परमेश्वर आपको वह करने के लिए नहीं बुलाएगा जिसके लिए उसने आपको तैयार नहीं किया। तुलना दुश्मन का हथियार है। यदि आप अब तक मैदान के बाहर से देख रहे हैं, तो किसका इंतजार कर रहे हैं? काम है जिसका किया जाना है।

याद रखिए कि रिकॉर्ड 52 दिन लगे नहे-म्याह को यरूशलेम की दीवार दुबारा बनाने

में। यह मुमकिन हुआ क्योंकि सब कार्य में लगे हुए थे। कुछ ने दीवार पर काम किया, जबकि कुछ ने हथियार थामे और काम की रक्षा की और कुछ ने दो पारी काम किया। उन्होंने एक हाथ में हथियार थाम कर दूसरे हाथ से काम किया। जिम्मेदारियाँ अलग-अलग थीं। कम समय में काफी काम हो सकता है जब सभी आएँ और काम करें। जब जहाज अचानक तूफान का सामना करता है या युद्ध में दुश्मन का, कप्तान यह आदेश देता है “सभी हाथ डेक पर” जिसका मतलब है सभी को आना है और अपना कार्य करना है।

यीशु कहता है कि उसके लौटने से पहले नूह के दिनों जैसा होगा। हम अपेक्षा कर सकते हैं कि हिंसा के फैलाव की इसलिए हमें और भी बढ़कर परमेश्वर के राज्य का सुसमाचार सुनाना होगा पूरी धरती पर और फिर अंत समय आएगा। वह तेजस्वी होगा।

डरो मत, जिन्होंने परमेश्वर को अपना सुरक्षित स्थल बनाया है वे नहीं बहा ले जाएँगे, वे जो उससे प्रेमपूर्वक समर्पित हैं, उन्हें वह बचाएगा।

“हाँ, मैं शीघ्र आने वाला हूँ।” प्रकाशितवाक्य 22:20

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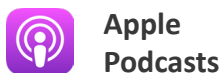


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