



Hearing and doing are two different things. And when it comes to faith, one can't live without the other. Our faith in Jesus Christ should affect every part of our lives—from what we think and believe to how we act, spend our time, and care for others.

Discussion Questions

1. When have you sought out expert advice? It may have been in your finances, your fitness routine, or a second opinion from a doctor. Once you received the advice, what did you do with it?
2. Why is having a relationship with God *and* living out your faith important? What are the dangers of just doing one and not the other?
3. **Read Matthew 7:24-27.** How do you respond when the storms of life hit? What does this tell you about the foundation your life is built on?
4. In what areas of your life do you sense that God wants you to take action but you haven't yet? What's holding you back?

Challenge

Read a chapter of the Bible every day this week. You could even start with James! With each chapter you read, ask God, "How can I apply this to my life? What are you trying to teach me?"

Commit to Memory

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.
James 1:22