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**Being a Doer of the Word of God**  
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Our goal is to be a doer of The Word of God and the bible teaches us very plainly that it is the doer of The Word of God that is blessed. We must be taught the principles that give us the foundation to be built upon. Without becoming doers of The Word of God there is really no foundation to begin to develop the character and the likeness of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are not saved by works it's by grace and if we move over into that area under the law we can never be good enough or do enough works to merit anything from God. It is by grace. And when we became born again we were taken out of the kingdom darkness and we were moved over into God's kingdom (Col. 1:13) or the kingdom of light. In the kingdom of light the bible teaches us very explicitly there is different behavior now in this kingdom we are in than we had in the kingdom of darkness. This is why in Paul's writing to the Corinthians spoke of how they were born again but they were behaving like mere unchanged men. He said that by looking at their lifestyle that they weren't any different than someone who was not born again. Paul wrote to tell them that there needed to be correction and to let God to begin to work in their lives that they would begin to take on the character and image of the Lord Jesus Christ. The bible teaches us that if we really love God we will keep His word and be doers of it.

The Word of God is designed to be fruitful in our lives and if we are not doers of The Word of God than we are not planting into our spirit man the kind of life of God that is going to produce God's life in us and produce victory. So by being a doer of the Word of God we start receiving the Word, planting the Word on the inside of us and then it will produce the thirty, sixty, and hundred fold results.

Luke 6 is the end of the classic Sermon on the Mount and in his closing he says what he had preached is all fruitless until you become doers of the Word of God

**Luke 6:46 (KJV)**

***<sup>46</sup> And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?***

Jesus is simply saying that if you don't do what I tell you I am not Lord.

Pastor made the example of if a worker doesn't do as a boss asks than the worker is in essence saying you are not the boss and they do not respect you at all as boss. There is a little streak of rebellion to do our own thing. Sometimes we do this flippantly sometimes with Jesus Christ King of Kings. We tell him you're my Lord, you're my Lord but yet we pursue our own ways. Jesus said don't call me Lord if you aren't going to do what I say.

**Luke 6:47 (AMP)**

***<sup>47</sup> For everyone who comes to Me and listens to My words [in order to heed their teaching] and does them, I will show you what he is like:***

God's ways are so simple. He is simply saying I am going to show what someone is like who hears and does what he hears.

Wherever you are at in your spiritual growth when you start doing something that is foreign to you you may stumble around at it. It will feel awkward and you may think you can't do it but we all start growing on a kindergarten level.

**Luke 6:48 (AMP)**

***<sup>48</sup> He is like a man building a house, who dug and went down deep and laid a foundation upon the rock; and when a flood arose, the torrent broke against that house and could not shake or move it, because it had been securely built or <sup>[a]</sup>founded on a rock.***

This passage is saying that the storm is going to come to everyone. The man that has become a doer of the Word of God whatever that level is the storm will not shake it or destroy it.

**Luke 6:47-49 (MSG)**

***<sup>46-47</sup> "Why are you so polite with me, always saying 'Yes, sir,' and 'That's right, sir,' but never doing a thing I tell you? These words I speak to you are not mere additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundation words, words to build a life on.***

***<sup>48-49</sup> "If you work the words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who dug deep and laid the foundation of his house on bedrock. When the river burst its banks and crashed against the house, nothing could shake it; it was built to last. But if you just use my words in Bible studies and don't work them into your life, you are like a dumb carpenter who built a house but skipped the foundation. When the swollen river came crashing in, it collapsed like a house of cards. It was a total loss."***

The way we begin to lay a foundation in our life is to start being doers of The Word of God or keep being doers of The Word of God.

This puts us in a place where we won't be destroyed and wanting to give up all the time when trouble does come our way? Why? Because we have built our house on a rock.

**Luke 6:49 (AMP)**

***<sup>49</sup> But he who merely hears and does not practice doing My words is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation, against which the torrent burst, and immediately it collapsed and fell, and the breaking and ruin of that house was great.***

Practice causes us to start doing things without having to think about it and it becomes a part of us or a habit. It causes us to become more proficient.

Jesus is teaching us here that if we don't start implementing The Word of God in our lives when the storms come we won't win.

**John 14:21 (KJV)**

***<sup>21</sup> He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.***

Jesus is saying here that he who is a doer of The Word God and Jesus is going to manifest himself to him.

**John 14:23 (KJV)**

***<sup>23</sup> Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.***

**Mark 4:20 (KJV)**

***<sup>20</sup> And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.***

Hearing and receiving is going to cause The Word of God to produce in your life. This same word was sown on three other soils which is actually a parable for the hearts and it would start to produce but never would follow through with a crop.

**James 1:21-22 (KJV)**

**<sup>21</sup> Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.**

**<sup>22</sup> But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.**

Someone who receives The Word of God then will also become a doer of The Word of God. It will affect our emotions, our will and our feelings talking about the soul. We are challenged with our emotions and feelings. The key or the cure is to start laying the foundation in our lives and we start doing that by becoming a doer of The Word of God.

God's grace is much like a mountain. You can look at it from different angles and it looks totally different. God's grace just doesn't have one side to it and many times we focus on it's by grace and thank God it is. It's not by works it's by faith and that is the only way we are going to access God's grace is by faith (Romans 5). The other side of grace in Hebrews says it enables us to live acceptably before God. The other side of God's grace in Titus says it teaches us to stay away from all ungodliness. Grace doesn't give us authority to sin it gives us power over sin.

**James 4:6-7 (AMP)**

**<sup>6</sup> But He gives us more and more grace (<sup>[a]</sup>power of the Holy Spirit, to meet this evil tendency and all others fully). That is why He says, God sets Himself against the proud and haughty, but gives grace [continually] to the lowly (those who are humble enough to receive it).**

**<sup>7</sup> So be subject to God. Resist the devil [stand firm against him], and he will flee from you.**

We have a responsibility in our growth and development to become doers of The Word of God or what we would call being obedient. We can use every excuse we want to justify ourselves and it still doesn't change the fact.

**James 1:21-25 (AMP)**

**<sup>21</sup> So get rid of all uncleanness and the rampant outgrowth of wickedness, and in a humble (gentle, modest) spirit receive and welcome the Word which implanted and rooted [in your hearts] contains the power to save your souls.**

**<sup>22</sup> But be doers of the Word [obey the message], and not merely listeners to it, betraying yourselves [into deception by reasoning contrary to the Truth].**

**<sup>23</sup> For if anyone only listens to the Word without obeying it and being a doer of it, he is like a man who looks carefully at his [own] natural face in a mirror;**

**<sup>24</sup> For he thoughtfully observes himself, and then goes off and promptly forgets what he was like.**

**<sup>25</sup> But he who looks carefully into the faultless law, the [law] of liberty, and is faithful to it and perseveres in looking into it, being not a heedless listener who forgets but an active doer [who obeys], he shall be blessed in his doing (his life of obedience).**

God's grace empowers us to be obedient and not to live contrary to The Word of God but God's grace empowers us to be a doer of The Word of God.

The following is an example in the bible of a man that was a doer of The Word of God or a receiver of The Word of God to see if there any benefits involved.

**Luke 5:1 (KJV)**

5 And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret,

The same story in Luke is worded this way.

**Luke 6:17 (KJV)**

<sup>17</sup> And he came down with them, and stood in the plain, and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judaea and Jerusalem, and from the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases;

**Luke 5:2-7 (KJV)**

<sup>2</sup> *And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets.*

<sup>3</sup> *And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship.*

<sup>4</sup> *Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.*

<sup>5</sup> *And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.*

<sup>6</sup> *And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.*

<sup>7</sup> *And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.*

This would be considered a 30, 60 or 100 fold return by receiving The Word or being obedient to The Word of God or being a doer of The Word of God. This is part of the blessing that comes to people who really let Jesus be Lord by living a life of obedience to His word and being a doer of it. God has a way of blessing His people.

We open the door for God to bless us by being doers of The Word of God.

Pastor prayed for those who have been challenged in being a doer of The Word of God.

Father we have been challenged to be doers of The Word of God. Father these people are precious before you. I pray you empower them by your grace to be doers of The Word of God in whatever areas they are being challenged. Father we would pray there would be a spirit of meekness, humility, to be coachable, and teachable and control rest upon us to be taught at your feet Jesus.

Father, I purpose today to be a doer of The Word of God. I ask you to forgive me when I wasn't a doer of The Word of God. I am purposing today to write a new chapter and by God's grace I will keep practicing The Word by being a doer and I will practice until I get it right. I will keep practicing till I get it right in Jesus name. Amen.