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**The Bible wasn't given just to increase our knowledge, the Bible was given to change our life...**

- today we ask the spirit of God
- to use the word of God
- to transform us to be like the Son of God

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**James 1:18 (NIV)**  
**He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of all he created.**

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**James 1:19-25 (NIV)**

**My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, 20 for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.**

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**21 Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. 22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.**

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**23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.**

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**25 But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it – he will be blessed in what he does.**

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**1 Peter 1:23 (NLT). For you have been born again. Your new life did not come from your earthly parents because the life they gave you will end in death. But this new life will last forever because it comes from the eternal, living word of God.**

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**1 Peter 2:2 (NIV). Like new born babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation.**

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**Things that hinder the listener from receiving God's word:**

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**1. Arrogance can hinder us from hearing and receiving God's word.**

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**Acts 17:11 (NLT). And the people of Berea were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, and they listened eagerly to Paul's message. They searched the Scriptures day after day to check up on Paul and Silas, to see if they were really teaching the truth.**

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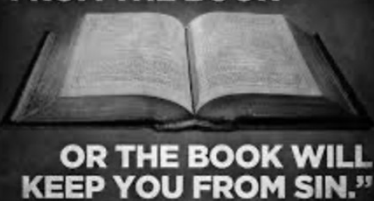
- 1. Arrogance can hinder us from hearing and receiving God's word.**
- 2. Disobedience can hinder us from hearing and receiving God's word.**

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**James 1:21 (NIV).  
Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.**

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**"SIN WILL KEEP YOU  
FROM THE BOOK**



**OR THE BOOK WILL  
KEEP YOU FROM SIN."**

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**James 1:21 (Message).  
In simple humility, let our gardener, God, landscape you with the Word, making a salvation-garden in your life.**

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1. **Arrogance can hinder us from hearing and receiving God's word.**
2. **Disobedience can hinder us from hearing and receiving God's word.**
3. **A flippant attitude can hinder us from hearing and receiving God's word. James says there is a difference between a Gaze and a Glance.**

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**Gazers have TWO HABITS  
they cultivate.**

**a) Meditation**

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**Psalm 119:97 (NIV).  
Oh, how I love your  
law! I meditate on it all  
day long.**

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**Gazers have TWO HABITS  
they cultivate.**

**a) Meditation**

**b) Memorization**

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**Psalm 119:11 (NIV)  
I have hidden your  
word in my heart that  
I might not sin against  
you.**

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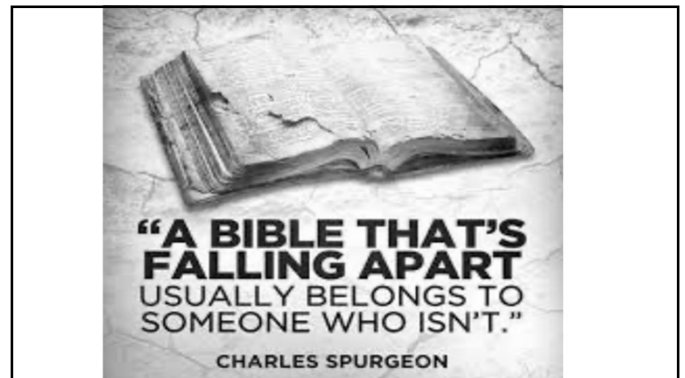
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4. **Negligent application can keep us from hearing and receiving God's word.**

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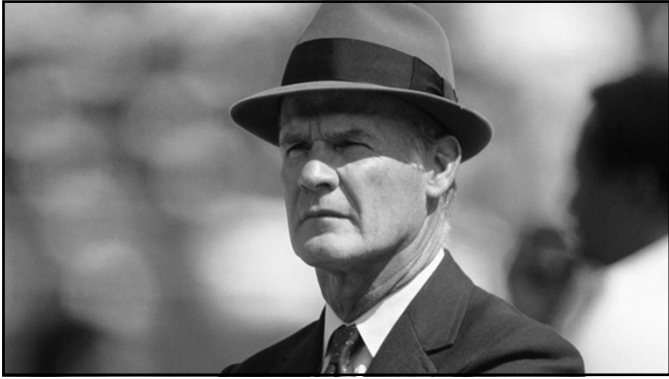
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- **Is there a sin to confess?**
- **Is there a promise here I need to claim?**
- **Is there an attitude I need to change?**
- **Is there a command I need to obey?**

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- **Is there an example I need to follow?**
- **Is there a prayer I need to pray?**
- **Is there an error I need to avoid?**
- **Is there a truth I need to affirm?**
- **Is there a thanksgiving I need to offer?**

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