

Read Your Bible

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“Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”

JAMES 1:21-22

Imagine trying to understand how to put something together or make a repair without studying the manual first. Like most dads out there, I learned this the hard way, and it usually didn't go very well. I'd finally getting to the end of a project only to be left with a pile of extra parts and having no clue what to do with them.

Life is just like that. We try to figure it out on our own without having a foundation built on the truth of Christ, and it ultimately leads to brokenness. We've deceived ourselves in thinking that we can do it all on our own without God.

When we take that approach, it's literally impossible for us to overcome the filthiness and wickedness in the world. To be a doer of the word, we must first possess it. By the study of God's Word, His spirit works in and through us to define and help us better understand who we are in Christ. Only then, when Christ is our foundation, our everything, will He lead us to actions that guide us in becoming a “doer” of God's Word.

ACTION ITEM

This week, take time to not only study God's Word for yourself, but find a friend and encourage them to do the same, maybe even together. You won't disappointed!