

# Growing Towards Christian Maturity

## *Lessons learned from the book of James*

### Lesson Nine: **“Doing Christians” Get Blessed!**

Today's lesson is going to greatly encourage some of you. Those of you that are trying your best to “do” what God says, rather than be hearers only, are going to learn today that God promises to bless you in a special way for the work that you do.

Turn with me to James chapter 1 and let's read verse 25 together.

***“But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty,  
and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer,  
but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.”***

Let's walk through this verse, one phrase at a time, so that we can carefully understand what God means.

1. **“But whoso looketh”**: the word *looketh* in this verse literally means *to stoop down near by anything: to bend forward near, so as to look at anything more closely. The idea here is that of a close and attentive observation.*
2. **“Into the perfect law of liberty”**: this phrase is referring to the law of God, or His will, however made known, as the correct standard of conduct. It is called the perfect law because it is totally free from all defects. It is called the law of liberty because it is a law producing freedom from the servitude of sinful passions and lusts.
3. **“And continueth therein”**: meaning that the law is not something for us to just 'look into', or to 'see so that we can compare ourselves with its requirements', but it is something that we must yield steady obedience to.
4. **“He being not a forgetful hearer”**: not one who quickly forgets what he has been taught.
5. **“But a doer of the work”**: one that actually does the work that God tells him to do.
6. **“This man shall be blessed in his deed”**: this phrase literally means that he shall be blessed in the very act of keeping the law. It will produce peace of conscience, impart happiness of mind, and exert a good influence over his whole soul. Someone once said, “As the path of duty is the way of safety, so it is the way of happiness; he who obeys God from a loving heart and pure conscience, will infallibly find continual blessedness.”

What does this mean to you? It means if you do what God says that He will bless you.

But what if it is hard? He will still bless you. What if I don't want to? He will still bless you if you do it anyway. What if I really don't understand what I am doing? He will still bless your efforts.

God blesses the obeying of His Word ALL the time EVERY time.

And one very special thing He blesses ALL obedient believers with is the LIGHT of CHRIST. Let's read about this in John 8:12-32. Notice the promise that God shares with us in verse 32: ***“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”***