



Be a doer of the Word - Part 1

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- We will be teaching today from the bible.
- We're using the Amplified version. Of course - you can use the version that you prefer.
- The bible is the only real truth.
- It is the inspired word of God.
- Gods' truth comes to us by **revelation** from the **Holy Spirit** as we meditate on His word.

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- Today our study is “Hearers or Doers”
- The teaching today will help us to understand whether we are a hearer or a doer.
- A hearer or doer of what you may ask!
- We are talking about being a hearer or doer of “the Word”.
- What does **that** mean?

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- Firstly, we need to be clear what we mean by “the Word”
- As in “Be a hearer or doer of the Word”
- “The Bible” is “the Word” and “the Word” is JESUS.
- JESUS is the Word.

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- John 1
- *1 In the beginning, before all time, was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself.*
- *2 He was continually existing in the beginning, co-eternally, with God.*
- *3 All things were made and came into existence through Him; and without Him not even one thing was made that has come into being.*
- *4 In Him was life, and the power to bestow life, and the life was the Light of men.*

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- “The Bible” is the written word.
- The “WORD” here is defined in Strong’s **Concordance # 3056** as Λόγος as Logos.
- Logos is the “written word”
- We read the written word. We have knowledge of it.
- BUT all our learning must be directed towards believing that the word is relevant to us and is geared towards us doing what it says. For example:-

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- Ephesians 6
- *11 Put on God's whole armour [the armour of a heavy-armed soldier which God supplies], that you may be able successfully to stand up against all the strategies and the deceits of the devil.*
- Let us look at a picture of Roman Centurions.
- They are dressed in their armour, and we can relate that armour back to that which is described in this scripture.

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Roman Centurions

Helmet (of Salvation?)

Breastplate (of Righteousness?)

Shield (of Faith?)

Sword (of the Spirit?)

Belt (of Truth?)

Shoes (of readiness to announce the good news?)



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- Now these guys meet regularly.
- They study all about what it is to be a Roman Centurion Soldier.
- They look like the real thing – but the truth is they are only playing at it, because they are engaged in a Historical re-enactment.
- These men never fought a real battle in their lives – it's all pretend.

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- They are like hearers of the word.
- They are learned, good people – but they are not the real thing - they are just play acting!
- The job of our church leaders is to train us and to demonstrate how to engage with the enemy and to be victorious, setting captives free and bringing glory to Jesus.
- We don't just hear about it, but we do the stuff.

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The Gospel is not passive BUT active.

- We are to come not with persuasive words and arguments – but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power.
- [1 Corinthians 2:4](#)
- *And my language and my message were not set forth in persuasive (enticing and plausible) words of wisdom, but they were in demonstration of the Holy Spirit and power, a proof by the Spirit and power of God, operating on me and stirring in the minds of my hearers the most holy emotions and thus persuading them,*

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Having accepted Jesus as saviour **we**
have put on the whole armour of God.

- The armour is listed in Ephesians 6 and verse 17 talks about “the sword of the Spirit, which is the **Word of God**”
- It is God’s **truth** which we use against the enemy and which we use to set the captives free.

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Scripture tells us that the Holy Spirit will work with us confirming “the Word”

- Mark 16:20
- *And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord kept working with them and confirming the message by the attesting signs and miracles that closely accompanied it.*
- Of course, we have to **believe that He will confirm the word** - and **WE have to action it..**

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- So, the “Word” is not passive - It is dynamic.
- We see that the bible is MORE than the written word.
- It is a set of instructions for those who have committed to following Jesus.
- Jesus spent three years training 12 men how to practically take the ground back from the enemy by healing and delivering people.
- We are to **do the stuff** – so to speak – just like Jesus demonstrated - demonstrating the power of the “kingdom of God” under a new Covenant.

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When we **act** on the word we do the Rhema word.

- This is Strong's number 4487 Rhema or ῥῆμα, ατος, τό in the Greek.
- This is where the word becomes action – it is spoken as a command – for example: “be healed in the name of Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit”.
- Our action sets people free and delivers them from Satan's grip.
- It is “**acting**” on the word.

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■ Romans 2:13

- *For it is not merely hearing the Law read that makes one righteous before God, but it is the doers of the Law who will be held guiltless and acquitted and justified.*
- Now James (the brother of Jesus writing somewhere around AD 48) says that mere knowledge of the word is of no consequence without putting it into action.
- – he says without **evidence** the word is DEAD.

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■ James 2

- *14 What is the benefit, my fellow believers, if someone claims to have faith but has no good works as evidence?*
- *Can that kind of faith save him?*
- *No, a mere claim of faith is not sufficient—*
- *genuine faith produces good works.*

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- *15 If a brother or sister is without adequate clothing and lacks enough food for each day,*
- *16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, with my blessing, keep warm and feed yourselves,"*
- *- but he does not give them the necessities for the body, what good does that do?*
- *17 So too, faith, if it does not have works to back it up, is by itself dead, inoperative and ineffective.*

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Then James goes on to say :

- *18 But someone may say, "You claim to have faith and I have good works;*
- *show me your alleged faith without the works [if you can], and I will show you my faith by my works [that is, - by what I do]."*

- *...20 But are you willing to recognize, you foolish, spiritually shallow, person, that faith without good works is useless?*

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- *21 Was our father Abraham not shown to be justified by works of obedience which expressed his faith when he offered Isaac his son on the altar, as a sacrifice to God?*
- *22 You see that his faith was working together with his works, and as a result of the works, his faith was completed, reaching its maturity, when he expressed his faith through obedience.*

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- *23 And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and this faith was credited to him, by God. as righteousness and as conformity to His will," and he was called the friend of God.*
- *24 You see that a man, a believer, is justified by works and not by faith alone [that is, by acts of obedience a born-again believer reveals his faith].*

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- That is the end of Part 1
- Please proceed to Part 2