

## SERMON NOTES

Series: Building Upon the Firm

Foundation of God's Word

Title: By Reading & Studying It

Text: Romans 10:17; James 1:19-25

Topic: Growing Spiritually

Teacher: Pastor Barry. Time: 1/16/22



*“Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. 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.” “do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. 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 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like! 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.”*

James 1:19-25 (NIV)

The SECOND WAY to build my life on the Bible is to... **READ IT**

You cannot grow spiritually without **reading the Word**.

The reason we're doing this series is so you can be **blessed**.

*looks intently* = reading the Bible. But don't **speed-read** it, reflect on it. Think about it. Ponder it.

The purpose of a mirror is to **evaluate** ourselves. The **Bible** helps us do that spiritually.

There are two ways to look in a mirror. You can **glance** (quick look) into mirror or you can **gaze** (look at the details) into a mirror.

The THIRD WAY to build your life on the Bible is...**RESEARCH IT**

Researching the Word of God with my hands and my mouth is what we call **Bible study**. The basic difference between Bible reading and Bible study is **using a pen or pencil**.

There are two components of good Bible study: **writing it down** and **talking about it**.

The best way to study the Bible is **in a group**. In a group you listen, you write, you read and you talk. (In other words you use your hands and your mouth)

*“You **search** the Scriptures... John 5:39 That's Bible study.*

*“The people of Berea were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, 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.” Acts 17*