

SERMON NOTES

Series: Building Upon the Firm

Foundation of God's Word

Title: By Reviewing, Remembering and Responding to It.

Texts: James 1:19-25

Topic: Applying God's Truth

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“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 FOURTH way to build my life on the Bible is I... **REVIEW AND REMEMBER WITH MY MIND.**

*“The man who looks intently [that's **reading**] into the perfect law and continues to do this, [that's **reviewing**] not forgetting what he's heard... [that's **remembering**] he will be blessed in what he does.”* James 1:25

Review means you **continually** do it. Remembering means **not forgetting**.

If you want to be spiritually strong the single greatest habit you can develop is the habit of memorizing **some** Scripture.

Why is this so important? Because when you need the Bible, it's **never around**. You need to have **God Word** in your mind so that you can have **God's Power** in your life **right when you need it**.

You remember what's **important** to you.

Remembering is a **skill** you can **develop**.

You may never have a great memory but you can have a **better** memory.

The skill of remembering and reviewing is called **“meditation.”**

“Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you will be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.” Joshua 1:8

The FIFTH way I build my life on the Bible... I **RESPOND WITH MY ACTIONS.**

“Do what it says!” James 1:22

“You only really believe the parts of the Bible you actually apply.” - Rick Warren

“Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like the wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against the house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine...and doesn't do them is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.” Matthew 24.

Truth does not **change**.

A simple way to remember these five ways to build your life on God's Word: *The hand illustration of five ways to get a grip on the Word.*

1. Your little finger represents **hearing it**
2. Your next finger will be **reading it**.
3. Your next finger represents **studying it**
4. Your next finger is **reviewing and remembering it**.
5. And finally, your thumb represents **responding to it**.

If you use all four fingers and your thumb you'll have a grip on the Bible so strong that nobody will be able to take it away.