

Active Listeners

Read James 1:22-24 in your Bible, then briefly consider the questions below.

When I was a kid, I told a lot of "stories." By that I mean I was so afraid to ever get into trouble that I would lie to get out of anything. I knew the Bible said I shouldn't lie, but I felt like I had to. Then one day, my dad sat me down and we talked about my lying problem. We looked at Scripture together and set up a game plan to end this awful habit. The Holy Spirit used my dad to help me actively listen to Scripture and allow it to transform my life.

James tells us that we cannot "merely listen to the Word," we have to "do what it says" (vs. 22). We have to apply Scripture to our lives, and sometimes that's not so easy.

Our God is a God who transforms hearts, therefore, we can't hear His Word and ignore it.

- Identify a time in your life when you experienced the transformative power of God's Word (describe below):
- If you are honest, is there something in your life the Holy Spirit is asking you to deal with? Maybe it's anger, a relationship, or dishonesty? How can you be an active listener of God's Word?
- Please take a minute to ask the Holy Spirit to reveal practical ways in which you can apply God's word as opposed to just listening to it (e.g. sin struggles, relationships, work-life, etc.):