

LIFE HACKS

FOR TOUGH TIMES & ROUGH RELATIONSHIPS

.....[A STUDY ON THE BOOK OF JAMES]

FEBRUARY 17

DOERS

INTRODUCTION

Many people do not experience the blessings that God wants for them because they are “merely hearers of the word and not doers”.

Spiritual maturity is more than knowing what to do—it is acting on what we know. “Faith without Action is Dead.” If we say we love and follow God but won’t deal with division or anger or temptation or sin, our faith is dead. If we don’t love our spouse or honor God first or serve others, our faith is dead.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Think about a person you know, or have known, who is full of wisdom. Share with the group what that person was like and how he or she may have impacted your life.
2. Read **James 1:22-27**. Where you have just been “listening” and not “doing?” What steps do you need to take to put actions to your words?
3. Read **James 2:14-20**. How can you Step Up to fill a need or a ministry position?
4. Do you have a relationship where you need to Step Back and treat someone better than they are treating you? What will that look like? Will it involve forgiveness?
5. Read **Matthew 7:12** and **Matthew 5:43-44**. How do these verses apply to your life?

MOVING FORWARD

Prayerfully consider this week what God would have you sacrifice in order to serve others and give yourself away with your time, money, energy, and effort. Are you willing to sacrifice time and money to put actions to your faith? Take these questions to the Lord this week as you listen for what He wants your “doing” to look like.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions.
Matthew 7:20