

Hearers & doers of the word Pt 2 the heart motivates a doer

This is second study on the topic – hearers and doers of the word. In the previous study we established – (1) Those who only hear the law are not just before God, but the doers, (2) those who only hear the word of God deceive themselves, and (3) those who only hear the word of God are like a man looking into a glass – they see the old man. In this study we establish– (1) when a man hears God’s word and believes in his heart he is a doer, (2) when a man trembles and fears God’s word in his heart he is a doer, and (3) when a man is pricked in his heart and responds he is a doer of the word of God.

Our three points established from the scriptures –

1. When a man hears God’s word and believes in his heart he is a doer.

“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation” (Rom.10:9–10).

2. When a man trembles and fears God’s word in his heart he is a doer.

“O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!” (Deut.5:29) – c.f. – “And when he came, lo, Eli sat upon a seat by the wayside watching: for his heart trembled for the ark of God...” (1 Sam.4:13).

3. When a man is pricked in his heart & he responds – he is a doer.

“Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?” (Acts 2:37).

Illustration

On Friday night there were two preachers on Queen street and the Lord brought to them a young man who was struggling with sin – so much that he even doubted he was a believer, and asked – how does a lost person get saved? The preacher then proclaimed the gospel and he said – “yes, that is what I have believed. But I struggle so much with sin!” We told him that having stopped to reach out for help – he had taken the first step – an indication that he desired to stop but did not know how.

Question to think about.

What is the consequence of being a doer of the word of God with all your heart?

Answer from the scriptures

Consequence of being a doer of the word of God with all your heart–

In being a doer – you are obedient to the word of God, and therefore, you are wise! When you sin, you will say it for what it is, repent, and let it go, never accepting sin and move on in God. Only a doer can fulfil the commandment to purge yourself – “if a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master’s use, and prepared unto every good work” (2 Tim.2: 21). To purge oneself is to be a doer of the word of God! To be prepared unto every good work is to be a doer of the word of God! We can only be meet for the masters use if we are a doer of the word of God!

Let each one of us seek to obey God’s words with all of our heart and be a doer of the word, and receive the blessing of God in Christ Jesus! Amen!