

★ Wisdom & Obedience

Doers of the Word

Lesson 7

The Teacher's Preparation

Scripture Passages to Study: James 1

Study Guide: Read "Wisdom & Obedience: Doers of the Word" from *New Testament Highlights - Part 2*.

Lesson Objective: The most important word in the phrase "doers of the word" is *word*, because God's work must be done God's way, or according to God's Word.

Lesson Application: I can be a doer of the word by hearing and heeding and reading and remembering God's Word!

Memory Verse: James 1:22



But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

—James 1:22

The Teacher's Checklist

- Activity Worksheets and Pencils
- Attendance and Record Notebook
- Lesson Plan
- Cue Card
- Memory Verse Card
- Music Player
- Visual Illustrations for the Lesson
- Attention Getter: Tennis Shoes

Teacher Tips

"The mediocre teacher tells.
The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates.
The great teacher inspires."

—William Ward

The Teacher's Lesson Plan

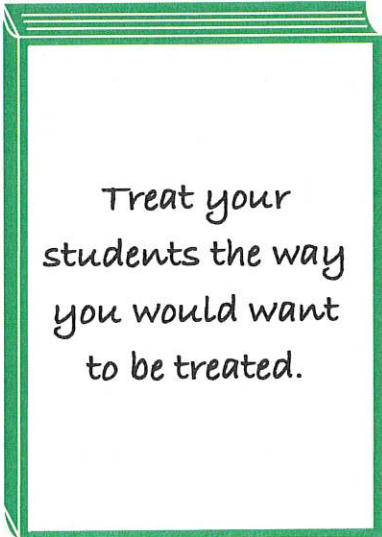
Materials: Tennis Shoes

What You Could Say:

In school, perhaps during recess or P.E. class, you probably do a lot of running. In a game of "Tag," you are running away from whoever is "It." In a game of "Hide and Seek," you are running to find the perfect hiding place. In a game of kickball, you are running from one base to another. In a relay race, you are running against your classmates to see who the fastest runner is that day. *That is a lot of running!* With that much activity, the best type of shoes to wear are running, or tennis, shoes like these. Just imagine what would happen if you wore your fuzzy house slippers in a game of "Tag." Why, you would be "It" all the time! What would happen if you wore your special church shoes in a relay race? You would probably be too worried about scuffing them up and upsetting your mother to focus on winning the race! In order to run your best, you need to wear the best type of shoes, ones that will protect your feet from sharp rocks and stones and other things that could hurt you as you run.

In Hebrews 12:1, we read these words: "*Let us run with patience the race that is set before us.*" The race this verse is talking about is not the kind of race that you would run during school with your friends or after school with your brothers or sisters. This is a race that *everybody* runs all the time—it's the race of life. When you pay close attention in church and in Sunday school, you are better preparing yourself for that race.

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The Olympic games are played every four years. Athletes from all over the world try to win the gold medal for their country. The top three winners in each race are given a medal. They stand tall and proud as their national anthem is played and their flag is raised. Have you ever thought about how hard it was for them to win that race? They trained for years. They won some races and lost some races. They kept training and practicing. Then, they finally won the prize.

The Bible says that our lives are like a race. God says He will give us a crown of life when we get to heaven if we obey His Word. In this lesson, we will learn about temptation and about how to be a doer of God's Word.

The Truth About Temptation

The word tempt has two meanings. One meaning is "to be tested or tried". The other meaning is "to convince someone to do something wrong".

God tests His children so they will learn to trust Him more. Hebrews 11:17 tells us that God tried, or tested, Abraham. God asked Abraham to offer his son, Isaac, as a sacrifice. James 1:2 tells us that we should be happy when God tests us. It makes us better Christians. When God tests us, we should not get upset. We should just keep doing what God's Word tells us to do.

God never tempts us to do something wrong; the devil does that:

Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man. But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

—James 1:13-14

The devil tries to get us to sin. The devil tempted Jesus. But Jesus answered the devil with the Word of God. That is why it is so important to memorize God's Word. When the devil tries to get us to sin, we can answer him with God's own words.

We can win against the devil when he tempts us. James 4:7 tells us how:

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Just do what God's Word tells you to do. Tell the devil you are going to obey God. He is a coward. He will run away. Quote a Bible verse like Jesus did. The devil can't argue with God's Word.

There are two important things to remember. First, every Christian will be tested. James 1:2 says, "Count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations." It will happen. When it does, just remember to trust the Lord. Obey and memorize His Word.

The second thing is really good news. Jesus was tempted by the devil. So He knows how we feel when we are tempted. I Corinthians 10:13 says that He will not let you be “tempted above that ye are able.” God will not let any problem into your life that He will not help you with. He will “make a way to escape.”

Doers and Deceivers

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A *doer* is someone who “does” something. A *deceiver* is someone who “lies” or “pretends” to do something. A *doer* of the Word listens to and obeys God’s Word. A *deceiver* ignores what he hears. A *doer* will live like a Christian seven days a week. A *deceiver* will act like a Christian on Sunday, but not the rest of the week. A *doer* will have victory over temptation and testing. A *deceiver* will let the devil lead him into sin.

Conclusion: Doers of the Word

The *Word* that God is talking about in James 1:22 is the Bible. We must read, listen to, and obey God’s Word. We cannot resist the devil if we don’t know God’s Word. We cannot endure God’s testing if we do not know God’s Word. Remember, there is a crown waiting for you in heaven if you obey God’s Word.

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