

Implanted Word

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James 1:21 (ESV)

Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

James 1:21 (AMP) NO/OH

So get rid of all uncleanness and the rampant outgrowth of wickedness, and in a humble (gentle, modest) spirit receive *and* welcome the Word which implanted *and* rooted [in your hearts] contains the power to save your souls.

ESV - receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

AMP - receive *and* welcome the Word which implanted *and* rooted [in your hearts] contains the power to save your souls. The implanted Word in us contains the power that saved our souls. We are to continue to embrace it and live it out. This is the promise of God stated in the OT.

Jeremiah 31:33 (ESV) NO/OH

This is the covenant ... declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Powerful Implanted Word in action!

Matthew 10:19–20 (ESV) NO/OH

¹⁹ When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour.

²⁰ For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

Notice how closely verses 18 and 21 go together.

James 1:18 (ESV)

Of his own will he brought us forth by the Word of Truth, that we would be a picture of HIS glory.

James 1:21b (ESV)

Therefore, receive with meekness the Implanted Word, which is able to save your souls

Lesson #1, God saved us through the Word, and we are to embrace and live out the Implanted Word within us. Halleluiah and Praise Jesus, end of message. However, there is a lesson #2, in verses 19&20. As we read verses 19 through 21a, we must realize that these verses are totally tied to the subject of receiving the Implanted Word. Therefore, we must read them on context.

James 1:19-21a (ESV)

¹⁹ Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. ²¹ Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness.

Like the Book of Proverbs, James gives us cause and effect scenarios. Here James includes what will have a negative effect on hearing the LORD. Warning: If we are talking all the time we cannot hear God. If we are short tempered and hot head, we cannot hear God. Anger blocks the ability to hear God. Filthiness and wickedness destroy the ability to hear God. The point is not that these actions are sinful. The point is that these actions keep us from hearing God. To hear clearly, we need the right attitude. Truth: The degree of our trust and confidence in God will greatly impact our attitude in difficult and seemingly impossible situations. Trusting God will give us a good attitude. Over the years, I have gotten angry when someone questions the Word of God. Then God convicted me of this and showed me a verse for why I should be at peace.

Proverbs 22:12 (ESV)

The eyes of the LORD keep watch over knowledge, but he overthrows the words of the traitor or unfaithful.

I am responsible to state and embrace the Implanted Word, God's truth. I am not responsible to be the enforcer of God's truth. Proverbs is clear—the Lord HIMSELF acts to vindicate the truth. The Lord ensures that truth—and not deception—succeeds. God “frustrates” the words of the “unfaithful”, but HE keeps “watch over knowledge”. God is the enforcer, not me, and I calmly rest in that truth (sometimes). Lesson #1 was receiving the Implanted Word. Lesson #2, Like Ian Thomas we need to learn to say in each difficulty, “Thank you, God. It is going to be exciting to see how you work in this situation.”

We live in a different Kingdom.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV)

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.