

Connect

Living the Christian life requires Participation. Christianity is not a spectator sport!

James 1:1

James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations: Greetings.

What does it mean to Participate in Our Faith?

James 1:22-24

*22 Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. **Do what it says.**
23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.*

Faith Is More Than Hearing

James 1:2

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James 1:3

*because you know that the testing of your faith **produces perseverance**.*

James 1:4

*Let perseverance **finish its work** so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.*

How deeply you connect is always determined by deeply you want to grow!

What happens when we participate?

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James 1:25

*25 But **whoever looks intently** into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—**they will be blessed in what they do.***

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Participation is the evidence of Transformation!