How to Really Profit from the Bible
James 1:21-25

Introduction:
A. The Bible answer man’s most soul-searching questions.
   1. Where did man come from?
   3. Where is man going?
B. The Bible is designed for man’s profit (2 Tim. 3:15-17).
   1. It does not profit all who hear (Heb. 4:1-2).
   2. It will profit us as much as we allow it.
C. James gives some requirements needed to really profits from the Bible.

Discussion:
I. Meekness on Our Part (v. 21).
   A. Foolish pride hinders many from receiving truth (cf. John 9:34).
   B. A know-it-all attitude is conducive to profitable Bible study.
   C. Meekness involves a willingness to obey (John 7:17)
II. Action on Our Part (vv. 22, 25, 27a)
   A. In the Bible, those who acted on the word were blessed.
      3. Abraham (Jas. 2:21-23).
   B. In the Bible those who did not act on the work were not blessed.
      1. The chief rulers (John 12:42).
      2. The demons (Jas. 2:19).
      3. Believing alone is not enough (Jas. 2:14-18, 24, 26).
III. Self-examination on Our Part (vv. 23-25)
   A. Should look into Bible to see ourselves as we really are.
      1. Tend to over-estimate ourselves.
      2. Tend to minimize the seriousness of our faults.
   B. Should look into Bible to what we should be — “perfect” standard.
   C. Should look into Bible to correct our flaws — a mirror.
IV. Restraint on Our Part (vv. 19-21)
   A. A quick temper hinders one from receiving word (vv. 19-21; cf. 2 Kings 5:11)
   B. Filthy and wicked hearts hinder the reception of the word and salvation (v. 21)
   C. Unbridled tongues hinder the word and production of pure religion. (vv. 26, 19).
   D. Worldliness hinders the word and production of pure religion (v. 27b)

Conclusion:
A. If you are not getting anything from the Bible you might check on these things.
B. If you would receive good from the Bible, do not be a forgetful hearer — obey?