

"On Listening, Speaking, Doing, & Deceiving," Part Two
James 1:23-27
Pastor Bob Brandhagen

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Matt 23:1-3

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Rom 2:13

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and continues in it—

It is not enough to "look intently" (1:25); we must continue in God's word.

What does continuing in God's word look like?

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- You take every opportunity to hear a sermon.

not forgetting what they have heard,

Psa 9:12, 17 Psa 50:22-23

but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

Luke 6:20-26

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