

*But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it--he will be blessed in what he does. James 1:25 (NIV)*

## **Look Into, Remember, Do**

**Do you want to live and walk in the freedom that I have secured for you? Do you want to be set free from bondages to sin? Do you want to be able to overcome evil in the world? Do you want to stand up against temptations that will certainly come your way?** Yes, I want to be set free. Yes, I want to walk in all the freedom that you have secured for me. I certainly want to be able to stand up against temptations that will come my way. I don't want to be in bondage to any kind of sin. How can I live the life of freedom that you are describing to me? **That is a very good question.**

**There are three things that you must keep on doing if you want to live in the freedom I have secured for you. First, you must make it your daily practice to look intently into my word. What do you think looking intently into my word will require of you?** Looking intently into your word will require my wholehearted effort and focused attention. I must listen very carefully to all that you are saying to me. I must not let your word go in one ear and out the other. **How will you make sure that does not happen?** I will meditate on your word. I will memorize your word. I will pray your word. I will let your word dwell richly in my heart and mind and life. **That will be very good.** What's next? **You must remember my word. You must carry my word with you throughout your life. My word must remain in your heart and on your mind. You must always allow my word to speak into your life. How will make sure that you will keep on remembering my word?** I will continue to meet with you every day in your word. I know that you will continue to remind me what you want me to remember as I keep on meeting with you. **That's right. I will bring to your attention what you need to remember from my word as you keep on meeting with me.** What else? **You must never let yourself become only a hearer of my word. You must be a hearer and a doer of my word. You will be set free as you look into, remember and put my word into your daily practice. Will you do that?** Yes Lord, I will.

*Lord, I will look intently into your word. I will consider carefully all you want to teach me. I will put into practice all you have shown to me. Thank you, that your word has set me free. Thank you, that your word is richly blessing my life as I follow and serve you. Amen*

**Freedom** *Looks Intently*

But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it--he will be blessed in what he does.

NIV James 1:25

**Freedom** *Looks Into*

But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

ESV James 1:25

**Freedom** *Look Carefully*

But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

NLT James 1:25

**Freedom** *Looks Into*

But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues *in it*, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

NKJV James 1:25

**Freedom** *Look Into*

But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

NRSV James 1:25

**Freedom** *Catch A Glimpse*

But whoever catches a glimpse of the revealed counsel of God—the free life!—even out of the corner of his eye, and sticks with it, is no distracted scatterbrain but a man or woman of action. That person will find delight and affirmation in the action.

MSG James 1:25

**Freedom** *Looks Carefully*

But he who looks carefully into the faultless law, the [law] of liberty, and is faithful to it *and* perseveres in looking into it, being not a heedless listener who forgets but an active doer [who obeys], he shall be blessed in his doing (his life of obedience).

AMP James 1:25

**Freedom** *Looking Steadily*

But if anyone keeps looking steadily into God's law for free men, he will not only remember it but he will do what it says, and God will greatly bless him in everything he does.

TLB James 1:25

**Freedom** *Looks Intently*

But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the *law* of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.

NASB James 1:25

**Freedom** *Carefully Study*

But the truly happy people are those who carefully study God's perfect law that makes people free, and they continue to study it. They do not forget what they heard, but they obey what God's teaching says. Those who do this will be made happy.

NCV James 1:25

# Looks Intently

Year \_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_

**Freedom** – James 1:25

**In Context:** *Read James 1*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God’s Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:**

***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, I will look intently into your word. I will consider carefully all you want to teach me. I will put into practice all you have shown to me. Thank you, that your word has set me free. Thank you, that your word is richly blessing my life as I follow and serve you. Amen

**What It Means:**

***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

**How are you making it your daily practice to look intently into God’s word?**

How has the Lord used His word to change your heart and transform your mind?

How are you making sure that you are not forgetting what you have heard in God’s word?

**How are you making sure that you are putting all of God’s word into practice?**

How has following and obeying God’s word set you free from bondages to sin?

How has your life been blessed by continuing to put God’s word into practice?

**What are you doing differently today because you are following and obeying God’s word?**

**Living It Out:**

***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Look intently into God’s word and put it into practice so that you will be set free and have a blessed life.

**Seeing It Happen:**

***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that as you look intently into God’s word and put it into practice, your life will be set free and blessed.

**Get Ready To Share:**

***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you have been set free by putting God’s word into practice.

**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you look intently into God's word and do what it says so that your life will be blessed.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, I will look intently into your word and do what it says so that you can bless my life.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, what from your word do you want me to put into practice today?*

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