

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for September 19-20, 1998

"Stop Kidding Yourself"

Dale Whitehead

James 1:19-27

Response to the Word test (James 1:19-27)

A proper reception (James 1:19-21)

An active obedience (James 1:22-27)

The demand for active obedience (James 1:22-25)

The word "prove" (GINOMAI) literally means to "be continually," or to "keep on striving to be."

The word "doer" (POIETE) speaks of who a person is. When James is talking about someone who is a "doer" he wants to make sure that we understand he is not talking about a person who tinkers with obedience but rather he is talking about someone who is actively practicing obedience.

The word "hearers" (AKROATES) was used of those who sat passively in an audience and listened to a singer or speaker. Today it could be used of those who audit a college class, where they are not required to do outside study, write papers, or take any tests.