

## What is MY Next Step? – Explained—“Hearing”

**Mission Statement:** to passionately serve God and to compassionately serve others.

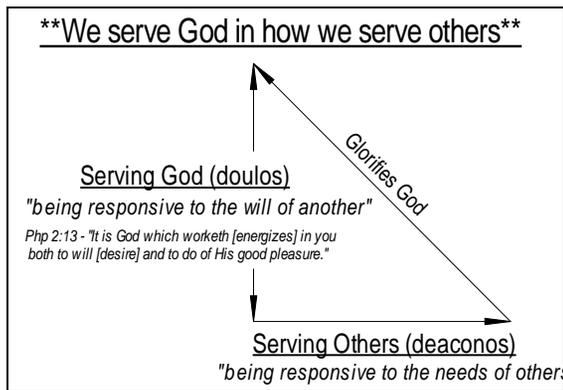
This statement is based upon Christ’s words in...

**Matthew 22:37-40** Jesus said unto him, “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. <sup>38</sup> This is the first and great commandment. <sup>39</sup> And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

### Mission Statement Illustrated:

Emphasis must first be on our individual relationship with God (*vertical* relationship)—our being responsive to the will of our Master and in turn His working in and through us to help us in our relationships with others (*horizontal* relationships).

When the order is right the end result will be glory to God. This is our end goal!



Q: HOW DO WE DO THIS?

\_\_\_\_\_ what God says (James 1:21-25)

\_\_\_\_\_ what God says (Ephesians 4:22-24)

### I. God’s Word \_\_\_\_\_ Us (Hebrews 4:12)

**Hebrews 4:12** For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

God wants us to bring the cutting edge of the Word down upon the things of our lives that hold us back from victory.

### A. \_\_\_\_\_ against \_\_\_\_\_-Deception (James 1:23-24)

Often we “hear” what we are supposed to do but we \_\_\_\_\_ to obediently respond by “doing” what we are called to “do.”

In Hebrews 3:12-13 the warning is that a we can be self-deceived.

Cf. 1 John 1:8

### B. \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_ Examination (James 1:25)

Cf. 2 Corinthians 3:18

Notice here how the Spirit of God takes the Word of God in order to make us like the Son of God as He illumines our spiritual understanding while we sit under His ministry.

#### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ in the Word

- \_\_\_\_\_ : “looketh” (parakupto)—“to lean over and peer intently within”
- \_\_\_\_\_ : the Word of God—“perfect Law of liberty”
- Goal: \_\_\_\_\_ lifestyle—“doer of the work”

### You have to want to become what HE wants you to be!

#### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ in the Word

- Continue until what you study is \_\_\_\_\_—“not a forgetful hearer.”
- Continue until what you study is \_\_\_\_\_—“a doer of the work.”

Cf. Psalm 139:23-24

### II. God’s Word \_\_\_\_\_ Us (James 1:21-22)

#### A. We must \_\_\_\_\_

“Filthiness” is dirt or impurities and the “superfluity of naughtiness” is the \_\_\_\_\_ measure of wickedness.

#### B. We must \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_

“Meekness” is a humble, \_\_\_\_\_ spirit. It is being patient and gentle.

#### C. We must \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

The wise man vs. the foolish man of Matthew 7:24 is a good example—  
“Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them, I will liken them unto a wise man...”