Application Revisited

James 1:21-25 [Phillip's] – Have done, then, with impurity and every other evil which touches the lives of others, and humbly accept the message that God has sown in your hearts, and which can save your souls. Don't I beg you, only hear the message, but put it into practice; otherwise you are merely deluding yourselves. The man who simply hears and does nothing about it is like a man catching the reflection of his own face in a mirror. He sees himself, it is true, but he goes on with whatever he was doing without the slightest recollection of what sort of person he saw in the mirror. But the man who looks into the perfect mirror of God's law, the law of liberty (or freedom), and makes a habit of so doing, is not the man who sees and forgets. He puts that law into practice and he wins true happiness.

• "Putting into practice" = application. Putting into action; giving persistent attention.

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- The reason some people don't do the Word is because they believe that their flesh is who they really are; instead of seeing themselves as what the Word says they are: righteous New Creations in Christ.
- If you really believe what the Word says about you, you will want to walk in it because it is the key to your freedom.
- But if you believe that you are your flesh, then you will feel like you have disappointed God, and you will feel bad about yourself, and feel hopeless and give up.

Proverbs 23:12 – Apply your heart to instruction, and your ears to words of knowledge.

Hebrews 4:8-11 [NIV] – For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day. ⁹ There remains, then, a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; ¹⁰ for anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works, just as God did from his. ¹¹ Let us, therefore, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will perish by following their example of disobedience.

Application is not a math problem!

- "What do I need to add to my life?"
- "What do I need to subtract from my life?"
- Transformation comes by being!
- Labor how? Meditation.

Mark 4:24 [AMP] - Be careful what you are hearing. The measure [of thought and study] you give [to the truth you hear] will be the measure [of virtue and knowledge] that comes back to you—and more [besides] will be given to you who hear.

Isaiah 26:3 – You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.

Joshua 1:8 – This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success

Philippians 4:8 – Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

Psalm 1:1-3 – Blessed is the man ... who's delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. ³ He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.

One of the greatest things that happens as we ponder, consider, and meditate on the reality of Christ in us is that we become aware of who we really are. We enter the realm of being and leave addition and subtraction behind. [Dr. James Richards]