

Friday: January 8, 2016 "Taking Action"

But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. 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.

James 1:22-25 (NLT)

In every company or organization, there is a gap between what we know and what we do. One group of researchers describe it this way: "The challenge for companies— and for individuals inside those companies— is to build a culture of action" (from: The Knowing-Doing Gap: How Smart Companies Turn Knowledge into Action) In other words, how do we make knowing and doing the same thing?

James, Jesus' brother, recognized the listening and doing gap long before organizational research existed. In <u>James 1:23-24</u>, he writes, "Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like."

What is an area in your life that you need to take action?

Take Action: Here are a few steps to consider

- Start going to church even if it's just this series.
- Finances are a mess causing all kinds of stress attend FPU course.
- Be around other people who are trying to take the same steps you are join a Ridge Group here: http://theridgecc.com/findagroup

- Dealing with hurts, habits and hang ups come to <u>Celebrate Recovery</u> http://www.theridgecc.com/cr
- Your marriage is barely hanging on and you need help
 - Go to counseling
 - And when you go in there ask: would you help me fix my faults?
 Go even if your spouse won't go with you
- We have resources online to help you in these areas as well: theridgecc.com/lovehandles