

ACCEPT GOD'S WORD

(JAMES 1:19-21)

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: In the previous lesson we learned how to stop evil desires by seeing sin's process. This lesson is about beginning each day in the Word and humbly accepting it.

FIRST TAKE NOTE. You are an instrument of God to produce His righteousness. Therefore, let your conversations with and your endurance of difficult people and circumstances be controlled by the Holy Spirit. With God's grace, bad habits of conversation and seething anger can be broken. (**James 1:19, 20, fn 1:19, fn 1:19, 20, Romans 6:13, fn 6:13, II Corinthians 5:20, 21, fn 5:20, Proverbs 22:24, 25, fn 22:24, 25, Titus 2:11-14, fn 2:14**) *Why and how does the Lord want you to have your conversation and anger under control?*

THEN TAKE OFF ALL SIN. To our Lord, all sin is moral filth and hinders our relationship with Him. Sin, like dirty clothes, must be taken off. (**James 1:21, fn 1:21, Ephesians 4:20-32, fn 4:26, 27, Romans 6:1-12, fn 6:1-4, fn 6:11, fn 6:12**) *Ask God to reveal your hidden sins. When He does, what will you do about it?*

NOW IT WILL TAKE ROOT IN YOUR HUMBLE HEART. God saved you by His Word, and when your earthly life is over and you stand before Christ, your salvation's journey is complete. Beginning each day studying God's Word to know Jesus more enriches the journey as God grows His Word in your heart! (**James 1:21, Ezekiel 36:24-27, fn 36:25-27, Hebrews 4:12, fn 4:12, I Peter 1:23-25, fn 1:24, 25, I Thessalonians 2:13, fn 2:13, John 1:1, 14, fn 1:1ff**) *Try praying God's Word to let Him speak to you, and then, share your insights with your group.*

Check up—How is your relationship with your neighbor, your spouse, and your Lord. Do your actions show that you are being led by the Holy Spirit?

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