

The goal for our previous series was that we would appreciate and experience to a greater degree our engagement with Scripture as...

a place where we consistently and expectantly meet with God

the Spirit's irreplaceable tool for deepening our understanding of God's ways and will

how we *abide in the word* and the word abides in us to transform us with power

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John 8:31-32 ESV

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free from
the grip
of pride

set you
free from
the fear
of death

set you
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worry and
anxiety

set you
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the control
of lust

set you
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a forgiving
person

set you
free to be
faithful

set you
free to serve
others like
Jesus did

set you
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judging
others

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any and all
bondages

set you
free to trust
God in all
things

set you
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the fear
of man

set you
free from
the love of
money

set you
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faith

set you
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speaking
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the hard-
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to
continue
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...**become** doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

James 1:22

intention

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12 ESV

**knowing the
power of the word**

...a woman in the crowd shouted, "How blessed is the mother who gave birth to you and the breasts that nursed you." ²⁸ Jesus replied, "Rather, how blessed are those who hear and obey God's word."

Luke 11:27-28 GW

"...everyone who hears what I say and obeys it will be like a wise person who built a house on rock. ²⁵ Rain poured, and floods came. Winds blew and beat against that house. But it did not collapse, because its foundation was on rock."

Matthew 7:24-25 GW

Matthew 28:18-20a NIV

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of

the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”

intention to become

is a major part of staying actively present in the word

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For it is God who is producing in you both the desire and the ability to do what pleases him.
Philippians 2:13 ISV

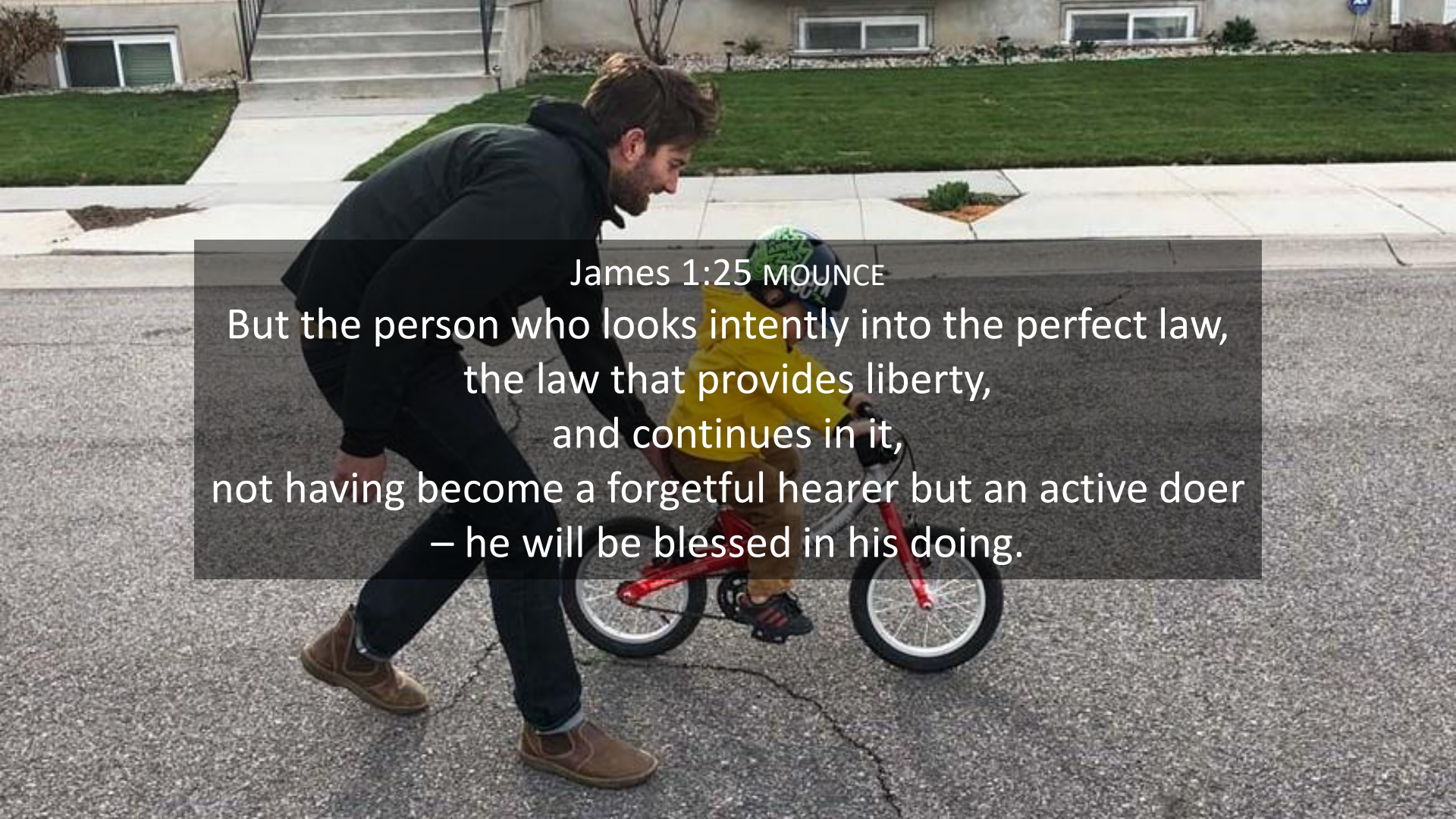
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