

RESET

AN INVITATION TO BEGIN
2026 GOD'S WAY

EMBRACING FREEDOM THAT FORMS YOU

James 1:25

Big Idea: True freedom is experienced when God's truth shapes the direction and boundaries of our lives.

I. The Invitation [James 1:25a]

[Look intently into the perfect law of liberty]

II. The Posture [James 1:25b]

[Persevere, and Don't Forget]

III. The Practice [What law of liberty calls us to do]

Remain in the truth [John 8:31-32]

Resist returning to slavery [Galatians 5:1]

Refuse false narratives of freedom [2 Peter 2:19]

Recognize our responsibility in freedom [Galatians 5:13]

Remember who we are and whom we serve [1 Peter 2:16]

Respond with faithful action [James 2:12]

IV. The Promise [James 1:25c]

[Be Blessed in the Doing]

Study Questions [+ Action Step]

[1] Read James 1:22-25. How have you been hearing God's Word without fully putting it into practice, and what is one area where you need to move from hearing to doing?

[2] In what ways has God's law, as revealed in Christ, brought true freedom in your life, rather than feeling like restriction?

[3] Which of the "6 R's" (Remain, Resist, Refuse, Recognize, Remember, Respond) do you need to focus on this week to live as a doer of the Word?

[4] Choose one practical action this week to obey God's Word in a way you've been avoiding—whether it's serving someone in love, resisting a habitual sin, or meditating on Scripture daily—and commit to persevering in it for the week, trusting God to bless your obedience.

[James 1:22-25] . . . be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴ For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵ But the one who looks [G: parakupsas - stoops down to take a good look - JFB] into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

Always remember that God's Word doesn't restrain our freedom—it restores us to how we were designed to live.

[Joshua 1:8] This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful 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.

[John 8:31-32] So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide [remain] in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Freedom grows through relationship, not information.

[Galatians 5:1] For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Freedom must be guarded, or it will be surrendered.

[2 Peter 2:19] They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved.

Whatever masters us ultimately enslaves us.

[Galatians 5:13] For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Biblical freedom always moves outward toward others.

[1 Peter 2:16] Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.

Identity shapes conduct; freedom flows from belonging to Christ.

[James 2:12] So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty.

Freedom is demonstrated through obedient living.