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DOERS OF THE WORD

It was a moment that I would never forget. Although I got saved at a young age, I did not live my life for the Lord. I had no instruction. I had no mentor. I just had me, and I wasn't the best teacher because I didn't know the Bible's take on right from wrong. I had not read much of the bible, and life was what I chose it to be, whether it was right or wrong. I was morally right in most cases, but I was missing the mark.

A friend invited me to her house for a bible study. There were a few other women there along with me. The first day I was there, she read out of James 1:22 where it says, ***"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."*** Well, that verse convicted me because I was not a doer of the word. I was a doer of what Helen thought was right and I had deceived myself.

As I began to understand more of the scripture, my faith began to grow. I realized that I needed to repent of my sin. I realized that the path I was on was not a good path and that I needed to change. I needed to "own" my own sin and not blame anyone else. I needed to be a "doer of the word."

How can we know what to do without knowing what the "word" says? We can't. That is why I was in a backslidden state. I was given a wonderful study bible, the "Open Bible" published by Nelson Publishing. It had tremendous notes and study guides and helped me more than anything else did to that date. The more of the bible that I read, the more I saw my life through God's eyes. I made the decision to change and to be a "doer" rather than just a hearer. I realized that I needed more than just a Sunday sermonette. I needed to hear the Word preached under the anointing and let my faith grow.

I learned that ***"faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."*** (Romans 10:17.) When my faith was being developed by hearing the Word, I became a doer of the word. It worked for me, and it will work for you.