

When You're Challenged to Act
Pressure Points – Part 3 of 5
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God's Word grows us through pressure points as we...

- Approach God's Word in humility

James 1:19-21 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. ²¹ Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. ESV

- Set our hearts to hear and apply the Bible

James 1:22-25 But 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 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. ESV

- Let God and His word continually rearrange my priorities

James 1:26-27 If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. ESV

P.R.A.Y

Pray

- Clear Your Mind - Pray through your day and give your concerns to God
- Ask God For Insight – Psalm 119:18
- Set Yourself To Obey God – John 7:17

Read

- Read through the passage once. If it is a longer passage, take note of the verses that speak to you and use application questions below to apply it to your life.

Apply

- Make a bridge from the Bible passage to your life today by asking the following questions. In this verse, is there a...
 - SIN** to confess?
 - PROMISE** to claim?
 - ATTITUDE** to change?
 - COMMAND** to obey? (How?)
 - EXAMPLE** to follow? (Positive one to follow, negative to avoid)
 - PRAYER** to pray back to God?
 - ERROR** to avoid?
 - TRUTH** to believe?
 - Something to **PRAISE** or **THANK** God for?
(from *Bible Study Methods* by Rick Warren)

Yield – to God’s will for your life and take to heart what He said to do.

Next Steps:

- Use the PRAY acrostic 3-5 times this week.
- Memorize James 1:22