

# Hold on

**Don't drop what you received this week at Kickstart**

**Carry it into Monday.**

**Walk it into your workplace.**

**Speak it over your family.**

**Pray it in your quiet time.**

**You didn't just hear a sermon—  
you received a seed.**

## **Don't Drop What You Received**

**James 1:22–25**

**"Don't just hear the word... do what it says."**

**All of us have received something this week.**

**A word...**

**A promise...**

**A correction...**

**A conviction...**

**A seed from God.**

**But the question is not:**

**What did you receive?**

**The real question is:**

**Are you gonna keep it?**

**Because it's possible to shout on Sunday...  
and drop it by Monday.**

## **The Danger of Dropping the Word**

**Hebrews 2:1 NASB95**

**For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it.**

**People can drift away one degree at a time and the next thing you know they are 180 degrees from where they started headed in the wrong direction!**

**Notice it doesn't say you run away.  
It says you drift.**

**Nobody plans to drop the word.  
It happens slowly.**

- **A busy schedule**
- **A stressful conversation**
- **A moment of offense**
- **A little compromise**

**And before you know it,  
the word you shouted about on Sunday  
is nowhere to be found on Wednesday.**

## **Hearing Isn't Enough**

James 1:22-25 NLT

But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. [23] For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. [24] You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. [25] But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

James 1:26 NLT

If you claim to be religious but don't control your tongue, you are fooling yourself, and your religion is worthless.

**Religion vs. Religious sound similar, but they mean different things.**

## **Religion**

**Religion is a system or structure of beliefs and practices.**

**It includes:**

- **Doctrines or teachings**

- **Traditions and rituals**
- **Moral codes**
- **Organized communities**

**Example:**

**Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Buddhism, etc. are religions.**

**You can think of religion as the framework or institution.**

**Religious**

**Religious describes a person's attitude, behavior, or devotion toward God or a religion.**

**It's an adjective.**

**It refers to:**

- **Personal faith**
- **Devotion**
- **Spiritual commitment**
- **Practice of beliefs**

<b>Religion</b>	<b>Religious</b>
<b>A system of beliefs</b>	<b>A person's devotion or lifestyle</b>
<b>Noun</b>	<b>Adjective</b>
<b>Structure or institution</b>	<b>Personal expression of faith</b>
<b>Example: Christianity</b>	<b>Example: A religious Christian</b>

**In a biblical or spiritual sense**

**People often say:**

- **“Religion” = outward rules, rituals, traditions**
- **“Religious” = a heart posture toward God**

James 1:22-26 NASB95

But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. [23] For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; [24] for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. [25] But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does. [26] If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is worthless.

**Hearing the Word is not enough, You can:**

- **Hear it**
- **Amen it**
- **Write it down**
- **Post it online**

**...and still drop it.**

**The blessing is not in the hearing.**

**The blessing is in the holding and doing.**

**God doesn't send a word just to excite you.**

**He sends a word to transform you.**

**You need to activate the Word!**

**It can lay here all day and do nothing until you act on it, and once you do in Faith, it shall come to pass.**

**The Word Is a Seed. I'm planting that seed right here in my heart.**

**Parable of the sower Luke 8: 11-15**

Luke 8:15 NASB95

But the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.

**Every sermon is a seed.  
Every scripture is a seed.  
Every prophetic word is a seed.  
Everything you do is a seed. Sow wisely.  
But seeds don't grow in the sanctuary alone.  
They grow in the soil of your everyday life.**

- **At your job**
- **In your home**
- **In your conversations**
- **In your decisions**

Let the Word (the seed) remain in you

John 15:7 NASB95

If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

John 15:1-11 NASB95

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. [2] Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. [3] You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

**The core message:**

**Life, love, obedience, and fruit all come from staying connected to Him.**

**He had already said:**

- **Love one another**
- **Follow my commands**
- **I am the way to the Father**

[4] Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. [5] I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. [6] If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they

are burned. [7] If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. [8] My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples. [9] Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. [10] If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. [11] These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.

**If you drop the seed,  
you forfeit the harvest.**

## **How Do You Keep What You Received?**

### **Psalm 119:11**

**"I have stored up your word in my heart..."**

### **Psalm 119:9-16 NASB95**

How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word. [10] With all my heart I have sought You; Do not let me wander from Your commandments. [11] Your word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against You. [12] Blessed are You, O LORD; Teach me Your statutes. [13] With my lips I have told of All the ordinances of Your mouth. [14] I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, As much as in all riches. [15] I will meditate on Your precepts And regard Your ways. [16] I shall delight in Your statutes; I shall not forget Your word.

## **You keep the word by putting it into action:**

### **1. Repeating it**

**Speak it over your life.**

### **2. Remembering it**

**Write it down. Meditate on it.**

### **3. Walking in it**

**Make decisions that align with it. (This is HUGE)**

**What you rehearse, you retain.**

**What you retain, produces fruit.**

### Revelation 3:10-11 NASB95

Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. [11] I am coming quickly; hold fast what you have, so that no one will take your crown.

### Luke 21:9-19 NASB95 - Things to Come

10 Then He continued by saying to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom, 11 and there will be great earthquakes, and in various places plagues and famines; and there will be terrors and great signs from heaven.

12 "But before all these things, they will lay their hands on you and will persecute you, delivering you to the synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for My name's sake. 13 It will lead to an opportunity for your testimony. 14 So make up your minds not to prepare beforehand to defend yourselves; 15 for I will give you utterance and wisdom which none of your opponents will be able to resist or refute. 16 But you will be betrayed even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death, 17 and you will be hated by all because of My name. 18 Yet not a hair of your head will perish. 19 By your endurance you will gain your lives.

Luke 21 LASB - This assurance can give us the courage and hope to stand firm for Jesus no matter how difficult the situation. I will stand!!!

**Don't leave it at the altar**

**Don't leave it at the chair when you get up**

**Don't drop it at the church doors.**

**Don't forget it in the parking lot.**

**Take it with you**

**If God gave you a word this week and He did if you were listening HOLD ON TO IT!!!**

**Let's walk it out and be ALL He has called us to be!**

**Hold it.**

**Guard it.**

**Walk in it.**

**AMEN!!!!**