

BRIDGING THE GAP  
Pt. 1 - Practice  
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Matthew 7:24-27 (NIV)

<sup>[24]</sup> "Therefore **everyone** who hears these words of mine ...

and puts them into **practice** is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

<sup>[25]</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

<sup>[26]</sup> But **everyone** who hears these words of mine

and **does not** put them into **practice** is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.

<sup>[27]</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a **great crash**."

**Hearing and doing** are  
what makes the difference

You have exercise equipment at home

James 1:22-25 (NIV)

<sup>[22]</sup> Do not merely **listen** to the word, and so **deceive** yourselves. **Do** what it says.

<sup>[23]</sup> Anyone who listens to the word but does not **do** what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror

<sup>[24]</sup> and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

<sup>[25]</sup> But the man who looks **intently** into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this,

not forgetting what he has **heard**, but **doing** it--he will be **blessed** in what he does.

God did not reveal His Word  
simply to be learned,  
but to be obeyed and applied