

**Message: Not hearers only but doers of the word**

**Bible Text: Hosea 4 verse 6**

**Bible Reading: Matthew 7 verse 24- 29**

James 1:22 KJV

But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

Hosea 4:6 <sup>6</sup>“my people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children”

### Matthew 7:24-29(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.”

<sup>28</sup>When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, <sup>29</sup>because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

We are looking at what is titled “don’t just listen, practicalize it” before we continue I will like us to examine the following statement of facts about life

- Recognising that life is a mirror and you are the image “ whatever you present or throw at the mirror is what the mirror will give back to you”
- Know for sure that life is not forever, you have limited time to achieve your goal, so never waste your time, every minutes count in life example is the examination hall, you are in the hall between a set time and all seconds count.
- Failure to prepare for life is an invitation to fail in life
- Whether you are good or bad, your life shall be tested e.g. examination hall of life
- You are not a failure not until when you call yourself one
- Success is not a game of chance, you must work hard to succeed in life
- Success is not measured by material acquisition but by destiny fulfilment
- We are all empowered with the information and knowledge to succeed in life
- Your success is dependent on how many information received, processed and acted upon

What is expected of you?

- Put information received into use
- Meditate on the materials
- Relate the information to your personal life
- Be an ambassador of Christ and the Church
- Be renewed in your thought and actions , have positive attitude to life, problems will come but with God on your side you will surely overcome
- A living examples in your community
- Deal with your weakness

- Separate yourself from bad influence
- Limit play and embrace constructive life
- Read books on mentorship and get inspirations and motivations from achievers
- See how the information received will better your life
- Start challenging your life with greater task ( common + common = Common) (uncommon+ uncommon= uncommon)
- Be in charge of your destiny, decide on what you want to do in life

**As we conclude,**

We are all going to be tested, as seen in Matthew 7 verse 24- 29, but the one that received the information and do as it says will not be consumed with the storms of life.....The words and the information you have received are from the Lord, will you allow the information to be part of your life or will you throw the information in the dustbin of life.

Accepting the information is accepting Christ, who alone can make you succeed in life and refusing the information is refusing Christ which will lead a life into Crises.

I conclude with this in Deuteronomy 30 verse 19 "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

Prayer

1. Father Lord I thank you for you alone is worthy to be praise accept my thanks in the name of Jesus
2. Father Lord I thank you for the knowledge given to me accept my thanks in the name of Jesus
3. Lord Jesus pour your blood upon my life and make me whole again in the name of Jesus
4. Father Lord baptise me with the Holy Ghost in the name of Jesus
5. Oh Lord arise and release me from the cage of sin and immorality in the name of Jesus
6. Sins of my parents shall not catch up with me in the name of Jesus
7. Father Lord set me free from the sins that has mastered my life in the name of Jesus
8. Fire from heaven burn the habitation of sins to ashes in the name of Jesus
9. Handwriting of the enemies over my life be wiped out by the blood of Jesus
10. Inherited failure expire in the name of Jesus
11. Oh Lord save my soul from laziness in the name of Jesus
12. Oh Lord my father make me the hearer and the doer of your word in the name of Jesus
13. Oh Lord my God empower me to break through the barriers of life in the name of Jesus
14. Inherited failure release me and die in the name of Jesus
15. Father Lord allows your fire for uncommon success to burn in me in the name of Jesus
16. Anointing for super success locate my life and family in the name of Jesus
17. I shall not fail in life but succeed in the name of Jesus
18. Powers sitting on my destiny fall down and die in the name of Jesus
19. Oh Lord deliver me from evil and unprogressive friends in the name of Jesus
20. Father Lord I thank you for empowering me during this retreat accept my thanks in the name of Jesus