

Doers of the Word

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This past week, modern gun season opened here in Arkansas for us deer hunters. While I haven't had the honor and privilege of harvesting a deer, I have really enjoyed being able to relax, study the bible and enjoy God's beautiful creation this week.

When you think about living a Christian life, what does it look like to you? Growing up, I used to watch Family Feud with my grandma and to this day, I still enjoy watching this game show as it brings back fond memories. If we were to take the approach of Family Feud and ask 100 Christians, this question you will likely receive a hundred different responses. According to some, Christians are simply Bible readers. Some may argue that Christian is someone who attends church each Sunday. Others would argue that Christians are just those who believe/follow Jesus. Even if these are admirable qualities and unquestionably significant facets of the Christian life, the life we are called to is more.

A Christian's life should be continuously transformed by their relationship with Jesus. Transformation is key. Our faith consists of more than just the rules and principles we believe to be true. Everything about our lives ought to be transformed by the Christian faith. This implies that rather than only believing what the word says, we ought to be acting on it.

James 1:22 says, "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." And later in 2:17 James writes, "So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead."

It's crucial that we live out our faith! We must move beyond simply believing what the Bible says is true and follow that belief with action. This week, how can you put your faith into practice and follow the word of God?

Sinners are welcomed at North Main church of Christ. If you're struggling, have any needs, or are simply seeking a loving Christian family, we invite you to come and see us.