



Grace Assembly Of God

CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture:	James 1	Title:	Just Do It
Author	Ps Alvin Lim		
Introduction/ Summary of Chapter	The book of James is written by James, the half-brother of Jesus and a key leader of the Jerusalem church. He is writing to the Jewish believers there to encourage them to persevere in their faith despite persecution. The central theme of the book is that true faith always expresses itself in a life of godliness. Chapter one starts off with this central theme.		

Key Verse(s) NLT	How does it speak to me?
<i>²² But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.</i>	This key verse reminds us that true faith is beyond just listening and knowing God's word but living it out, otherwise we are fooling ourselves. As a pastor, I know the Word of God and try to live it out in my life. However, personal evangelism has always been a struggle for me to obey as I relate with Christians most of the time due to the nature of my work. Last year, I attended a training course on evangelism and had to share Christ with others as part of the practicum. I took the opportunity to share Christ with my prebelieving niece and nephews who are teenagers. Then I decided to share Christ with my parents after much hesitation. I hesitated because I had been praying for my parents and bringing them to church evangelistic services for the past 30 years but to no avail. I was tired and discouraged. But I prayed before going and decided to just do it. To my surprise, my parents were ready to receive Christ after asking some questions they had. Praise the Lord! I have also completed doing our New Believer's follow up lessons with them and it is a joy seeing them pray and read the Bible. They have also expressed interest to be baptized. Indeed, God is moving in His own ways even during the pandemic. What is the Word of God instructing you to do? Just do it and reap the joy and faith of obedience!

APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

Adult:	What is something that the Lord is nudging you to obey for some time, but you have been procrastinating? Just do it!
Youth:	Is there an area in your life which the Holy Spirit is convicting you to repent for some time? Or an act of love to express to a friend or loved one. Ask God to give you the power to do it today.
Child:	What is something that your parent has asked you to do (chores, studies, clear your room, etc) but you have been ignoring it? Honour your parents today by obeying them.

PRAYER

Praying Scripture:	Dear heavenly Father, help us not to be just listeners of Your Word but to obey it. We give thanks that Your Word is for our benefit and brings life rather than restrictions. When we obey Your Word, it brings us joy and builds up our faith. We love You and desire to obey and trust You.
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank You for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day). In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen.