

# IPA WEEKLY BULLETIN

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## Weekly Announcements

**Sunday 08:30 AM - 09:30 AM - IPA MORNING SERVICE**

Join us every Sunday morning in the IPA Fellowship hall for worship.

**06/30/10 Wed 08:00 PM - IPA Prayer Meeting**

2 Lawerance Street, Hicksville, NY

**07/01/10 Thu 09-10PM IPA Intercessory Prayer Line**

Tel:# -712-432-3900, Code-6507636

**07/02/10 Fri 10:30 AM - Fasting & Prayer Meeting**

Bro. Jacob Joshua & Sis. Chinnamma

**07/03/10 Sat 07:30 PM - Special SNL @ IPA**

**Challenges in Christianity**

*(Hosted by Sunday School)*

**-Rev. Finney Samuel**

**Just Do It (James 1:22-25)**

After giving the admonition to receive the word humbly that has been planted in them, James portrays the importance of hearing God's word. God's word demands our attention, and if we believe God's word to be God's word, then we need to hear it very carefully. That is the first step of receiving God's word, but one should not be satisfied with that experience. James argues that one needs to be a doer of the same word. Failure to comply with the word will result in self deception. Doers of the word do not merely hear God's word, but put it into every day practice. Those who have been regenerated by the word of God are expected to conduct themselves in an exemplary manner. The word that has given life and rebirth needs to be heard very carefully. We must never forget the fact that those words are not merely human, but they are the very words of God that can bring about great transformation and change the very course of life. James advises his readers never to be content with the conversion experience, for that is only the beginning of a Christian life. It is implied here that by just hearing and not listening, they would deceive their soul. Obedience to what has been heard is very important for Christian growth and development. Many fail to evaluate their lives in light of what has been heard, and thereby would not allow the word to influence their lives.

The deception:

How often people deceive themselves by thinking that by merely hearing the word they have fulfilled their obligations! But simply being in agreement with what we have heard does not necessarily make us comply with the requirements. A man who goes to church and

listens to the reading and expounding of the word and thinks that listening has made him a good Christian has deceived himself. For example, if we heard about prayer and do not pray, heard about worship, but do not worship, heard about the need to reconcile with our brother and fail to act on it, it will lead to gross self deception. James, driving his point home uses the word of God as a mirror that shows our true reflection. While the mirror shows us a reflection of ourselves, the word shows the plight of the inner man. Beware that we do not make the mistakes that are common among people.

- Don't just glance at yourself-Don't just read God's word casually or as a religious exercise but ponder on the word, mull over it and meditate on the word.
- Don't forget what you just saw-Take time to remove the spots & smudges of your face.
- Don't forget to obey- Look into God's word with serious intent and live in the light of God's word. That requires us to take time, attention and sincere devotion. A few minutes with the Lord will not accomplish deep spiritual examination.

The word of God plays a vital role in revealing the true corrupted nature and the disorders of our hearts and lives. When a Christian compares his life with the world, we might look better, but when we look through the word, we would see ourselves as God would see us. Listening to the word is immensely beneficial, but never forget that it can be equally dangerous and deceptive. Never settle for an illusion as you hear; but meditate and think about that

word, so that it becomes a part of your life. Unless we act on God's word, we can never claim that we are living the word. It can only be effective when the word has moved from our minds into our hearts and finally impacting our actions. "Inward practice by meditation, outward practice in true observation."- Baxter.

Anything less than truly practicing God's word will lull us into a false sense of security. Therefore, take heed, lest you be deceived. James concludes by saying that the end result of obedience to God's word is blessing in everything one does. Do what the word says!

# Bible Wordsearch

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

## KINGS & QUEENS OF THE BIBLE

Puzzle #121

F	R	O	J	M	Y	J	M	O	U	C	J	O	D	J
H	A	K	E	P	L	E	B	E	Z	E	J	I	J	E
S	M	E	R	S	T	H	H	E	H	T	V	O	O	H
H	O	E	O	M	E	O	N	O	M	A	S	A	T	U
O	F	L	B	M	B	R	I	Y	D	I	N	M	H	Z
J	E	H	O	S	H	A	P	H	A	T	U	E	A	Z
M	P	R	A	M	K	M	T	H	A	L	E	A	M	I
I	A	S	M	I	O	A	E	H	L	U	A	S	I	A
I	B	O	M	R	L	N	V	A	S	H	T	I	C	H
Z	I	A	B	M	Z	A	H	A	O	H	E	J	H	N
I	J	E	H	O	A	S	H	O	S	H	E	A	A	T
M	A	A	C	A	H	S	H	T	E	G	S	B	L	R
R	H	E	Z	E	D	E	K	I	A	H	S	A	A	B
I	R	I	Z	P	A	H	R	E	H	T	S	E	O	A
N	A	D	A	B	T	A	S	S	E	M	B	L	Y	J

ABIJAH	JEZEBEL
AHAB	JOASH
AHAZ	JOSIAH
AMON	JOTHAM
ASA	MAACAH
ATHALIAH	MANASSEH
BAASHA	MENAHEM
BATHSHEBA	MICHAL
DAVID	NADAB
ELAH	OMRI
ESTHER	PEKAH
HOSHEA	REHOBOAM
JEHOAHAZ	RIZPAH
JEHOASH	SAUL
JEHOIAKIM	SHALLUM
JEHORAM	SOLOMON
JEHOSHAPHAT	UZZIAH
JEHU	VASHTI
JEROBOAM	ZEDEKIAH
	ZIMRI

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

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## **Special SNL by Sunday School - Challenges in Christianity**

Saturday July 03, 2010 07:30 PM @IPA

Please invite your friends and family to attend this program which starts promptly at 07:30 PM.

## **Youth Announcements**

### **In-House Competition Day2:**

Memory Verse, Essay, Bible Quiz

**Saturday, July 17, 2010 @2 PM**

### **Memory Verse Competition:**

Kindergarten - Primary :Psalms 56 -104 New International Version

Middlers, Juniors & Teens :Psalms 105 -150 New International Version

High Teens - Seniors: Psalms 1-55 New International Version

Minimum of 50 verses for any participant to qualify for a prize

### **Bible Quiz:**

Kindergarten & Primary: Gospel of John and Luke

Middlers, Juniors & Teens: Book of Romans and Hebrews

High Teens & Seniors: Book of Genesis and Exodus

- ***YOU CAN STILL SIGN UP FOR THESE COMPETITIONS.***

## **IPA Youth Convention**

July 9-11, 2010 @ IPA

Guest Speaker: Rev. T.N. Walter

## **IPA Bible Study & Annual Convention**

July 12-18, 2010 @IPA

Guest Speaker: Rev. Babu Cherian

## **IPA Annual Family Picnic**

July 24, 2010 @ Bethpage State Park

## **IPA Lancaster Show & Family Retreat**

August 27, 2010 @ 4:15PM, show "JOSEPH" @ Lancaster PA

August 27-29, 2010 - IPA Family Retreat

@ Black Rock Retreat, Lancaster PA [www.blackrockretreat.com](http://www.blackrockretreat.com)

## **PCNAK 2010**

July 1-4, 2010 @ Houston, Texas

## **PYPA VBS 2010**

July 19-21, 2010 @ IPA [www.pypa.org](http://www.pypa.org)