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Theme:
God is calling us not just to *desire* righteousness or obedience, but to *do* His will. Good intentions without action lead to spiritual stagnation.

Main Text:
🕊️ **James 1:22–25**

"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror but forgets what he was like."

💡 **Lesson Objective:**

To challenge believers to move from *wanting to do God's will* to *actually doing it*, living out obedience through faith and action.

🔹 **Introduction:**

Many Christians ***want*** to pray more, serve more, love more, and live holier lives. But "**wanting**" doesn't produce fruit.

- It's easy to ***feel convicted*** but not ***converted into action***.
- God's Word calls us to *walk it out*, not just *talk about it.*

Key Thought:

"Desire must lead to discipline; conviction must lead to commitment."

📜 **Scripture References:**

- **Romans 7:18–19** — Paul says, *"For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out."*
- **Matthew 21:28–31** — The parable of the two sons (one said "no" but did the will; the other said "yes" but didn't do it).
- **John 14:15** — "If you love me, keep my commandments."
- **James 2:17** — "Faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead."

🔹 **Lesson Points:**

1. Good Intentions Aren't Obedience

- Many intend to serve God "one day," but *delay* is still *disobedience.*
- God doesn't bless intentions, He blesses obedience **(Deuteronomy 28:1–2)**.
- The gap between *knowing* and *doing* is where most believers get stuck.

Discussion Question:
What are some things God has told you to do that you've only "wanted" to do but haven't acted on yet?

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2. Desire Without Action Leads to Frustration

- Like Paul, we struggle when our desires don't match our deeds **(Romans 7:18–19)**.
- God's grace empowers us to move from weakness to obedience.

- The Holy Spirit helps us do what our flesh resists **(Philippians 2:13)**.

Key Insight:

The Spirit gives you the power to do what your heart wants but your flesh won't.

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3. Faith Must Be Followed by Works

- Real faith always produces movement.
- Abraham's faith was proven by his *actions* **(James 2:21–24)**.
- Believers must *do something* with what they know.

Illustration:
It's like sitting in a parked car with the engine running, full of potential but going nowhere.

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4. Obedience Opens the Door to God's Blessing

- Action demonstrates trust in God.
- The blessing is in the *doing* **(James 1:25)**.
- When you act on the Word, you invite God's power into your situation.

Example: Peter had to *step out of the boat* before he could *walk on water* **(Matthew 14:29)**.

🔹 **Practical Application:**

Ask yourself:

- What am I *hearing* but not *doing?*
- What area of my life needs *obedience, not excuses?*
- How can I take *one step* of faith this week?

I want you to identify one area where you've said, "I want to" and turn it into "**I will**."

🙏 **Conclusion**

“Obedience is better than sacrifice.” **(1 Samuel 15:22)**
Wanting to please God is good, but *walking* in His Word is what changes lives.

🕊️ **Closing Prayer:**

“Lord, help us not to just want to do Your will, but to *walk* in it. Strengthen our faith, remove our excuses, and empower us to act on Your Word daily. In Jesus’ name, amen.”