



You Know You Got It When You Do It

WARM UP

What's the most trouble you got into during your grade school or high school years?

SET IT UP

Many American Christians believe that the secret to spiritual maturity is Bible study. This drives Christians to want to “go deeper” by learning more facts. But that’s a myth. The key to spiritual maturity is not the volume of what we know—it’s whether we use it.

CHAT IT UP

1. **What is it about a good boss that makes it easier for you follow their orders?**
2. **Share about a time when God was telling you to do something—and you did.**
3. **Read James 1:22-25. What analogy did James use to describe a person who does not do what the Bible says?** (Answer: Notices an issue in the mirror but does nothing.)
4. **What promise did James give to the person who studies God’s Word and practices it?** (Answer: The consistent “doer” will be blessed in what they do.)
5. **What role does Bible study have in spiritual maturity? What role does it not have?** (Answer: Bible study is critical, but living it is the goal.)
6. **Which illustration relates to how you sometimes view the Bible: Bible Trivia - knowledge equals maturity. Binoculars - think of what others need to change. Bullhorn - calling the world to fulfill God’s standards. Weight - you don’t measure up to the list.**
7. **What makes it hard to practice what we know is right? If you usually follow a good boss who has flaws, why not your perfect God?**
8. **What has God told you to do recently? Have you done it yet? What can you do this week to obey what God is telling you to do?**

WRAP IT UP

We make walking with Jesus more complicated than it has to be—listen to God and do what He says. Don’t fall for the lie that learning more is equal to growing more. Stop staring and start doing.

LEADER TIPS

- Even if you usually follow a different plan, consider taking on the *Summer Reading Plan: 40 Essential Bible Passages for Everyone* with your group and encouraging each other as you go.