



# The Mission Trail

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"LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST." — JOHN 4:35

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. . . Greetings once again to all who are tuned to THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma coming to you over radio station XEG each Friday night at 11:00. This is your speaker Willie Murphey for another of our weekly visits.

For our scripture lesson today, please consider this reading in James, chapter 1 and verses 22 through 25. I quote:

"BUT BE YE DOERS OF THE WORD, AND NOT HEARERS ONLY,

deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed."

Please observe by the contents of this scripture that there is quite a contrast between hearing and doing. It is one thing to hear the word and perhaps even be agreeable with it, but it is quite another thing to do the word and put it into practice. What God is looking for is not dreamers only, but those who will put their dreams into actions and in this way, they may prove a blessing both to God and also to mankind. Now I do not say that one should never have any dreams, for many of the greatest accomplishments of the world have been by those who were considered "dreamers".

Now, for example, take the well known writer John Bunyan. Here was

a poor man who had very little of this world's goods. He earned his living by mending pots and pans and was known as a tinker; however, his keen insight into the spiritual and eternal things of God brought a change into his life and he became known as the "dreamer" when he wrote his immortal Pilgrim's Progress.

But he was not only a dreamer, he was a man of action. This action was to preach the gospel of Christ. He did this unflinchingly, without a license from the Church of England, over all the protest of the public officials and others who endeavored to put an end to his preaching and told him to go back to mending pots and pans. This was a man of action.

Now notice again the scripture reading for in verse 25 it says: "But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed." So we see here that God is looking for doers of his word and not hearers only. He is ever willing and ready and waiting for those who will be

