

Deane + Lostock Youth w/b 28th January 2018

PRAY

'Lord, make it real. I don't want just words, and I don't just want print – I want reality!'



READ

James 1:22-25
in the Youth Bible

THINK



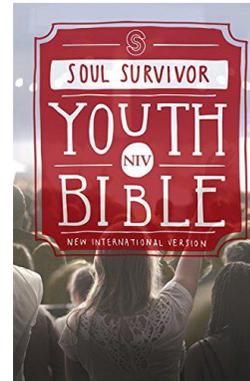
How stupid can you be? Some of us find it easier to be stupid than others. In my younger, more stupid, days (this is not Terry, Chris or Kath!) I remember firing an air rifle at someone (who

was a friend both before and after the incident), letting off rocket fireworks at someone else (also a friend before and after the incident) and throwing a large stone at another poor soul (not a friend before and definitely not one after the incident).

As you can see, stupidity is not just confined to being silly. It can also be

dangerous. I shudder to think of the potential consequences that could have come out of stupid acts like those described above.

James likens not acting on what we read in the Bible to doing something stupid (v 24). And it is stupid, as opposed to just being silly, because it could have very serious consequences, both for us and for others.



It is no good just listening to or reading the words of the Bible if we don't follow them through. This is much easier said than done. Keeping your cool when all around you are losing theirs is very difficult; being a Christian and not joining in with gossip is hard; pulling back from an embrace with your boyfriend or girlfriend when things are hotting up is tricky. But no one said that being a Christian was easy....or, if they did, then they're the ones being stupid!

APPLY

When reading your Bible, write down the things that you believe God is saying to you. Is there something that God wants

you to do based on what you've read? Is there something you should stop doing? Writing these things down will help you remember them. Keep the list handy and look at it every so often. Is there something you're really struggling to do/not do. Is there someone you can discuss this with? One of the youth leaders will always be happy to talk and pray with you if there is something that you are struggling with. Don't struggle on your own!



How did you get on with reading 2 Timothy last week? Was there anything that you didn't understand? Anything that surprised you? Challenged you? Encouraged you? Do let a youth leader know if so.

This week why not read Psalm 119 verse 9 – 16 (page 721 in the Youth Bible)?

What does it tell us about how we can live well?

What does it say we should do with the Word of God?