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Three duties for hearing and receiving instruction from God's Word:

1. Be quick to hear it

2. Be slow to speak

3. Be slow to anger

Welcoming the Word

Part 1

James 1:19-20

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James 1:19 [This] you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak [and] slow to anger;

20 for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God.

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Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about Koinonia Groups at Heritage Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their discussion, please see Pastor Vaughn or e-mail Vaughn@hcgj.org.

1. Read 1 Peter 2:2-3. According to Peter, why is the intake of God's Word essential for us as Christians?
2. How is the preached Word of God instrumental in bringing the unbelieving to faith in Christ? Consult Romans 10:13-17.
3. Why did Paul solemnly charge Timothy to preach the Word?
4. According to the message, why should the local church be the believer's primary source of Biblical instruction?
5. We live in a world in which information is often transmitted via abbreviated sound bites and visually oriented social media. Listening carefully to a sermon in church isn't always easy because it's so different from what we do in daily life. What are some steps we can take and/or habits we can cultivate to train ourselves to be better hearers of God's Word?
6. According to the message, what does it mean to be "slow to speak" with respect to hearing God's Word preached or taught?

Here are some resources that may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Vaughn cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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