

G R O W T H N O T E S

Scripture: James 1:19-25

Today's Message:

“Listening & Doing Like God Says!”

NLT: ¹⁹ Understand this, my dear brothers, and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. ²⁰ Human anger does not produce the righteousness^[h] God desires. ²¹ So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls.

²² But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. ²³ For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. ²⁴ You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. ²⁵ But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

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Message Bible:

Act on What You Hear

¹⁹⁻²¹ Post this at all the intersections, dear friends: Lead with your ears, follow up with your tongue, and let anger straggle along in the rear. God's righteousness doesn't grow from human anger. So throw all spoiled virtue and cancerous evil in the garbage. In simple humility, let our gardener, God, landscape you with the Word, making a salvation-garden of your life.

²²⁻²⁴ Don't fool yourself into thinking that you are a listener when you are anything but, letting the Word go in one ear and out the other. *Act* on what you hear! Those who hear and don't act are like those who glance in the mirror, walk away, and two minutes later have no idea who they are, what they look like.

²⁵ But whoever catches a glimpse of the revealed counsel of God—the free life!—even out of the corner of his eye, and sticks with it, is no distracted scatterbrain but a man or woman of action. That person will find delight and affirmation in the action.

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TO BECOME DIVINELY ALIGNED

- Let God speak to you—through the Word of God—The Spirit of God—and the People of God—AND YOU—SPEAK THE TRUTH IN LOVE!
- Have 3 Important Conversations with God, yourself, and the other person.

HOW DO YOU HAVE A CRUCIAL BUT HONEST AND TRUTHFUL CONVERSATION THAT CLEARS THE WAY TO DIVINE ALIGNMET?

James, Chapter 1, Verse 19, Says—“My brothers and sisters, take note of this—everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry.”

- And the 3 imperatives that he provides are in the right order—get them out of this order—and they don’t work as well...
- ***LISTEN CLOSELY...***

- *SPEAK SLOWLY...*

- *ANGER SLOWLY...*

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