

Quick to Listen, Slow to Speak, Slow to Anger

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Bible Passage: **James 1:19-21**

Big Idea: God uses His Word to save my soul from sins peril and my _____ to His Word will determine that _____.

For God to use His Word to save my soul from sins peril I must...

#1-... _____ attentively to God's Word (James 1:19c)

- Be "quick" to listen
 - This is more than _____, it involves active listening
- When you interact with the Bible, actively engage it.
 - Read it slowly, listening intently.

#2-... _____ my response to God's Word (James 1:19b)

- "slow to speak" means to _____ and think about it versus reacting to it!
- Reacting to the Word of God lead us to
 - _____ God's Word
 - _____ God's Word
 - _____ it from what it was originally intended to saying

#3-... _____ my anger (James 1:19c-20)

- This word "_____" (orge) does not refer to an explosive outburst of temper but to an inner, deep resentment that seethes and smolders, often unnoticed by others.
- Why are we to be "slow to anger"?
 - "the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God"

#4-... _____ to God's Word (James 1:21a)

- To surrender means you place yourself under another
 - to agree with them and give them _____ over the situation.
 - doesn't mean you like it or enjoy it or understand it, but **you accept their** _____
- The word "filthiness" refers to any sort of moral defilement or impurity.
 - It is closely related to a term used of wax in the ear, which hinders hearing.

#5...For God to use His Word to save my soul from sins peril I must... _____ God's Word (James 1:21b)

- This is the good consequences of surrendering to God's Word.
- What does "_____ your soul" mean?
 - "save" means to rescue, protect, or to prevent something from happening.
 - When you receive God's Word into your life your "soul" is _____ in some way and _____ from something.
- What is the soul? The word "soul" refers to three distinct things. Your _____, _____, & your emotions.
- How does the Word "save your soul"?
 - Your mind will be rescued from sin-distorted _____

Fighter Memory Verse

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Psalms 19:9-11

⁹ the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. ¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

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- Your will/decision maker will be saved from many destructive decisions that are rebellious, selfish, temporary and don't glorify God.
- Your emotions will be _____ and begin to function as God designed them to.

TRUTH INTO ACTION

- A faith that works has learned to respond rightly to the Word of God:
 - Surrender your will to God's authoritative Word
 - Experience the "soul saving power" of God's Word

Pray first



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily for Jesus. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

This lesson is a follow up to the sermon. Please take the time this week to work through it in your community group or around your own kitchen table.

Warm Up: What is one completely irrational thing that annoys you way more than it should?

1. What kind of listener to God's Word are you?
 - Can you think of recent examples in your own life where you have listened well to the Lord; where you have not listened well to God's Word?
2. James 1:19-20 discusses "anger" (orge) which does not refer to an explosive outburst of temper but to an inner, deep resentment that seethes and smolders, often unnoticed by others.
 - How could this "anger" develop in a believer life toward the Word of God?
3. In the sermon, it was mentioned that when we personally "react to God's Word versus surrendering to it" leads to ignoring, rejecting or redefining it.
 - Do you agree or disagree with that statement? If you agree, how is this dangerous? If you disagree why?
4. When a believer surrenders to the authority of God's Word they will experience the good consequences. Verse 21, reads "**receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.**" Based upon the sermon:
 - What is the soul?
 - What does the soul include?
 - How does the Word of God "save" the soul?

Prayer: Father the Word of God is a gift to us. As your children, please help us to treasure it, hunger for it, and welcome it into our lives. Thank you Jesus!

RESOURCES: **James for You** by Sam Allberry; **Christ-Centered Exposition in James** by David Platt, Danny Akin & Tony Merida; **James New Testament Commentary** by Bruce Barton