

# **James Ch 1:19-27**

## **The Preparations Necessary to Withstand Trials and Temptations**

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# 1. Why should we be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger?

## James 1:19-20

**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.

**1. Why should we be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger?**

**Rom. 2:13**

**13** for *it is* not the hearers of the Law *who* are just before God, but the doers of the Law will be justified.

**1. Why should we be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger?**

**1. We humble ourselves by listening to others.**

**Proverbs 12:15**

**15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes,**

**But a wise man is he who listens to counsel.**

- 1. Why should we be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger?**
- 2. We should take the time to think over what we say carefully.**

## **Proverbs 18:2**

**2 A fool does not delight in understanding,  
But only in revealing his own mind.**

- 1. Why should we be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger?**
- 3. The anger of man is contrasted with the righteousness of God.**

**Eph. 4:26-27**

**26** Be angry, and *yet* do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,

**27** and do not give the devil an opportunity.

## 2. How should we receive the Word of God?

**James 1:21**

21 Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and *all* that remains of wickedness, **in humility receive the word implanted**, which is able to save your souls.

**Receive God's Word in meekness and humility.**



## 2. How should we receive the Word of God?

**Filthiness** refers to any sort of moral defilement or impurity.

**Wickedness** denotes moral evil and corruption in general, especially in regard to intent.

It pertains to sin that is deliberate and determined.

It may reside in the heart for a long time before being expressed outwardly, and may, in fact, never be expressed outwardly.

### 3. Why should Christians be doers of the Word and not hearers only?

**James 1:22-25**

**22** But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.

**23** For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror;

**24** for *once* he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was.

**25** But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the *law* of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.

### 3. Why should Christians be doers of the Word and not hearers only?

It is not about how many doctrines you know, how many verses you have memorized, how well you know Greek or Hebrew, or how many times you have read the Bible.

You can go to a thousand Bible studies and listen to ten thousand sermons; however, it is worthless if you don't decide to follow them.

**Christianity is all about putting the principles we learn in the Bible into practice.**

### **3. Why should Christians be doers of the Word and not hearers only?**

There are 3 elements to hearing and receiving the Word:

1. Submission
2. Purity
3. Humility

### **3. Why should Christians be doers of the Word and not hearers only?**

There are 3 elements in obeying the Word:

1. In relation to himself, the Christian is willing to apply the Word without deception;
2. In relation to others, the Christian is willing to apply the Word without selfishness;
3. In relation to the world, the Christian is willing to apply the Word without compromise.

## 4. What are some ways people are loose with their tongue?

### James 1:26

**26** If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his *own* heart, this man's religion is worthless.

# 4. What are some ways people are loose with their tongue?

## A loose tongue:

1. Interrupting and dominating the conversation
2. Being easily provoked and lashing out at others
3. Gossiping and telling tales
4. Criticizing and murmuring

## **4. What are some ways people are loose with their tongue?**

### **A loose tongue:**

5. Judging and condemning others
6. Using name-calling and cursing
7. Engaging in suggestive and off-colored talk
8. Talking about and running down others



**4. What are some ways people are loose with their tongue?**

**Eph. 4:31**

**31** Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

# 4. What are some ways people are loose with their tongue?

## Titus 3:1-2

1 Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed,

2 to malign no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing every consideration for all men.

# 5. What is pure and undefiled religion?

**James 1:27**

**27 Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of *our* God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, *and* to keep oneself unstained by the world.**

# 5. What is pure and undefiled religion?

**In verse 27, Christians are to:**

1. Display **practical compassion** to **orphans and widows** in distress

a. Christians are to have a genuine concern for the welfare of others, especially those who are in great need.

# 5. What is pure and undefiled religion?

In verse 27, Christians are to:

2. Demonstrate the religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless both in our personal life and our public life.

a. Christians are to have a pure and loving heart by the way they talk and the way they act.

b. Christians are to be willing to apply the Word of God without compromise.

## 6. How can you continue to grow in your daily walk with God?

1. By putting into practice all of God's commandments that we learn in every aspect of our lives.

2. By helping those who are in need to the best of our ability.