

"Be a Hearer of the Word"

James 1:19-21

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1. _____ the Word: Vs. 19a

Vs. 19a: Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be **quick to hear**, slow to speak...

A. The General Principle: How we relate to _____:

B. The Specific Context: How we relate to _____:

Psalms 46:10a: "Be still, and know that I am God."

Hebrews 4:12: For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

2. _____ the Word: Vs. 19b-21a

A. _____: Vs. 19b-20: ...slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

Proverbs 29:11: A fool gives full vent to his spirit, but a wise man quietly holds it back.

Ephesians 4:26-27: Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil.

B. _____: Vs. 21a: Therefore **put away** all filthiness and rampant wickedness...

3. _____ the Word: Vs. 21:b

Vs. 21b: and **receive** with meekness the **implanted word**, which is able to save your souls.

Jeremiah 31:33: "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law **within them**, and **I will write it on their hearts**. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

Ezekiel 36:26-27: And I will give you a **new heart**, and a **new spirit I will put within you**. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and **give you a heart of flesh**. And **I will put my Spirit within you**, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

Matthew 4:4: But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Psalms 19:7a, 10: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul... More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you prioritize "listening to" the Word every day? Why or why not?
2. Why is it important to read verses in God's Word in their context?
3. Do you listen more than you talk in your relationships with others? How does listening well bless people?
4. What does it mean to listen more than you talk in relation to God's Word? How can you listen well to the Bible?
5. What is the difference between the attitude of desiring to be "mastered by scripture" rather than "mastering scripture"?
6. What is the difference between "righteous" and "unrighteous" anger? What is the danger of "righteous" anger?
7. How do anger and wickedness impede our ability to hear the Word?
8. What are the ways that God's Word saves our souls (CF vs 18 and 21)?