



#3 Human Doings?

¹⁹ Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. ²¹ Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

²² But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴ For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. ²⁵ But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

- James 1:19-25

James shares **3 ways to be blessed**:

1.) Know this: **Quick Slow Slow (v.19)**

A soft answer turns away wrath,
but a harsh word stirs up anger.
- Proverbs 15:1

“Listening matters... The night the *Titanic* sank, another ship was much closer, but its wireless operator had gone to bed. Had he heard the distress signal, perhaps more lives would have been saved. When we listen to God by obeying His teaching, He'll help us navigate even life's most troubled waters.”

- James Banks, Our Daily Bread, 8/12/21

2.) Take Care of Your Soul **(vv.20-21)**

²⁵ So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body. ²⁶ And “don't sin by letting anger control you.” Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ for anger gives a foothold to the devil.

- Ephesians 4:25-27 NLT

3.) Remember to Persevere **(vv.22-25)**

It's the Holy Spirit's job to convict, God's job to judge, and my job to love.

- Billy Graham

Even a child makes himself known by his acts,
by whether his conduct is pure and upright.

- Proverbs 20:11

Life Group Discussion Guide

Unpack what you are learning with someone who will help bring life to your journey with Jesus.

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Read James 1:19-25

1.) What is one thing that resonated with you from the message?

2.) Describe a time when someone being “quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry” has helped you?

3.) Have you ever seen Proverbs 15:1 play out? Explain.

4.) Jesus came to bring righteousness (Isaiah 61:3; Matthew 3:15; 5:6). Why is meekness greater than man’s anger at bringing a “harvest of righteousness” (James 3:18)?

5.) Looking at some practical examples in Ephesians 4:17-22, what roots need to be pulled out of your life? What fruits and shoots need to be planted and cultivated?

6.) Have any Bible reading plans encouraged you in your faith journey? How have these helped you? What way can you be more intentional to look in the mirror of the Word?

7.) James and Ecclesiastes are both “Wisdom Literature” that remind us life is a short vapor. This should stir us up to reflect on how God has worked and how we are investing the short amount of time each of us have been given. Let remembering **snapshots** help you persevere in living a life of snapshots that matter most.

Psalm 77:12 – “I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds.”

Have a **chat about a “snapshot”** of seeing someone else doing God’s work, and share a personal “snapshot” when you have seen God’s grace in your life.

Spend some time in prayer, and ask God to help you be a doer of the word.

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