

How can we pray for one another and our church this week?

Quotes to Ponder

Much of our anger is not a result of significant injustices or wrongs against us but is the manifestation of our own pride and selfishness.

Jerry Bridges

We have two ears and one mouth, therefore we should listen twice as much as we speak.

Zeno

Be quick to hear, and be deliberate in answering. If you have understanding, answer your neighbor; but if not, put your hand over your mouth.

Ecclesiasticus 5:11-13

The least of sin is dangerous and in its own nature deadly and destructive.

We read of some who have been devoured by wild beasts, lions, and bears, but also of others who have been eaten up by vermin, mice, or lice...

The least sins may undo you."

Thomas Manton

True believers love God's Word, and their highest joy is to understand and keep it and thereby please their Lord.... By the continual, faithful hearing of the life-giving and life-sustaining Word, our divinely indwelt hearts are stimulated to obey the Word with willing submission to its teachings and truths.

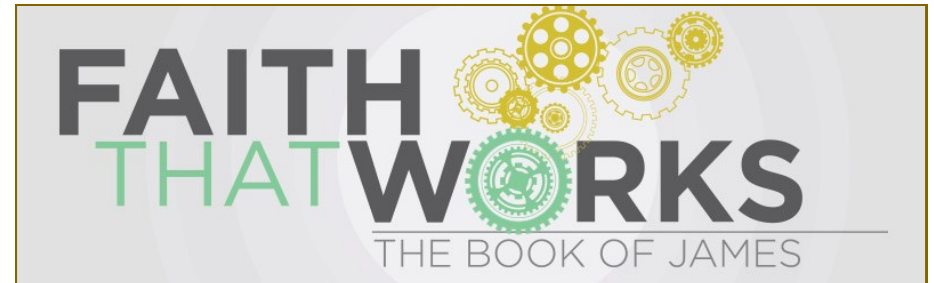
John MacArthur

James seems to be suggesting a kind of spiritual version of Newton's First Law of Motion: a tongue at rest tends to stay at rest; but a tongue in motion tends to stay in motion. For if being 'slow to speak' means we will also be 'slow to anger.'

Sinclair Ferguson

The stinking filth of a pestilent ulcer. Sin is the devil's vomit, the soul's excrement, the superfluity or garbage of naughtiness ... an allusion to the garbage of the sacrifices cast into the brook Kidron, that is, the town-ditch.

John Trapp



#8 The Implanted Word (1:19-21)

Sermon
Notes

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1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Con-
victed you? Challenged you? Confused you?

2. According to *James 1:19-21*, what is the right response of a child of God
to the Word of God?

3. What are we commanded to *know* in *James 1:19*?

4. Are the commands *be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger*
(*James 1:19*) general proverbs that we're to apply in everyday life or in
our relationship to God and His Word? Explain.

5. If *anger ... does not achieve the righteousness of God (James 1:20)*,
what does achieve it?

6. What does *James 1:21* say we must do before we can properly receive
God's Word? How exactly do we do this?

What do the following verses add to your understanding of this?

Romans 13:12-14 —

Hebrews 12:1 —

Ephesians 4:22-24 —

1 Peter 2:1-2 —

7. Why does James first tell us to *put aside* these things before he tells us
to *receive the word (James 1:21)*? Does he have things backwards?
Explain.

8. What does *James 1:21* teach us about sinless perfection?

9. Why is *humility* necessary in hearing and obeying God's Word (*James*
1:21)?

10. How can a believer who has lost his delight in God's Word recover it?
What steps should he take?

11. How can Christians identify areas of sin that are blind spots?

12. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: *If there is no changed*
life, there is no salvation? Explain your answer using Scripture.

13. What fruit of the Christian life is mentioned in the following verses?
Romans 1:16 — *Galatians 5:22-23* —

Romans 6:22 — *Colossians 1:10* —

Romans 15:28 — *Hebrews 13:15* —

Reflection Questions: What am I not doing that God's Word tells me to
do? What am I doing it tells me not to do? Why am I reluctant to be
obedient in all areas? Is God's Word sweet to my soul? Do I look for-
ward to spending time in it? Why or why not? While reading God's
Word am I quick to hear, slow to speak, & slow to anger?