

Listen Up!

¹⁹ Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. ²⁰

Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires.

²¹ So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls.

²² But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. ²³ For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. ²⁴ You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. ²⁵ But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

²⁶ If you claim to be religious but don't control your tongue, you are fooling yourself, and your religion is worthless. ²⁷ Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father mean caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you."

James 1:19-27 New Living Translation

APPLICATION:

1. Put on your _____
_____!
2. God sets the _____.
3. Act on what you _____.
4. Put your money where your _____ is.

On Your Own...

This week, study more from the book of James. Concentrate on the first two chapters. Answer these questions:

1. What are active steps you can take to be "quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry"?
2. What are some areas of filth and evil in our lives that need to go?
3. What is Jesus asking me to do that I am not doing?
4. Am I focused on what God wants or what I want?
5. Do I have prejudices that need to be erased?
6. Am I impressed by the things that impress Jesus or do I set my own standards?
7. Is my proclamation of faith evident in the things that I do?
8. What can I do this week to evidence my faith through action?

Application Cross Reference...

Put On Your Listening Ears....

Exodus 15:26

Job 13:17

Psalms 85:8

Proverbs 4:20; 23:12

Hebrews 2:1

Luke 8:18; 9:44

God Sets the Standard...

Deuteronomy 10:12

Micah 6:8

Luke 1:6

1 John 2:4; 3:24

Act On What You Hear...

James 2:26

Deuteronomy 5:1

Psalms 119:7

Matthew 9:13

John 6:45

Philippians 4:9

Proverbs 4:1; 6:6; 9:6; 15:15; 18:15

Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is...

Matthew 9:2

Hebrews 11:6

Luke 5:20

James 2:17

1 Timothy 4:12

Ecclesiastes 6:11

John 14:10

Proverbs 10:32; 15:28; 31:26