

## THE PROPER RECEPTION TO THE WORD OF GOD

(James 1:19-21)

**I. INTRODUCTION (James 1:1)**

**II. THE VALUE OF TRIALS (James 1:2-4)**

**III. THE VALUE OF GODLY WISDOM AND FAITH (James 1:5-8)**

**IV. THE CORRECT ATTITUDE TOWARDS YOUR IDENTITY (James 1:9-12)**

**V. THE NATURE OF TEMPTATIONS (James 1:13-15)**

**VI. GOD IS THE SOURCE OF GOOD (James 1:16-18)**

**VII. AN EXHORTATION REGARDING SPEECH AND ANGER (James 1:19-20)**

**A. “Swift to HEAR”**

1. This vivid expression is a wonderful way of capturing the idea of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Matt. 13:9)
2. Quick listening must be done with \_\_\_\_\_ in conjunction with the Word of God, in order that you are not led into \_\_\_\_\_. (Prov. 12:15; Eph. 4:11-15)

**B. “Slow to SPEAK”**

1. All of us have two ears and one mouth, which ought to remind us to \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ as much as we \_\_\_\_\_. (Prov. 18:2)
2. The importance of \_\_\_\_\_ one’s \_\_\_\_\_ is a popular theme in Wisdom literature. (Prov. 10:19; 13:3; 17:27-28)

**C. “Slow to WRATH”**

1. Non-stop talkers can easily degenerate into \_\_\_\_\_  
controversialists. (Prov. 14:29; 29:8, 11, 20)
2. Never is the ear more firmly \_\_\_\_\_ to others and the Scriptures than when \_\_\_\_\_  
takes over. (2 Kings 5:9-14; Prov. 15:1; 27:3)

#### D. Man's Anger and God's Righteousness

1. Anger is often \_\_\_\_\_ because our \_\_\_\_\_ has been hurt in some way; this anger certainly does \_\_\_\_\_ advance "*the righteousness of God.*" (v. 20, cf. Ecc. 7:9)
2. Rash, thoughtless words \_\_\_\_\_ make things better, they only further demonstrate that we are not being \_\_\_\_\_ by the Holy Spirit at that moment. (Gal. 5:22-23)

### IIX.RECEPTIVITY TO THE WORD OF GOD (James 1:21)

#### A. PREPARING the Soil of Your Soul (v. 21a)

1. James gives the solution, you must first "*lay aside*" (take off like clothing) all \_\_\_\_\_ or unclean behavior that lies \_\_\_\_\_ the will of God.
2. The "*overflow of wickedness*" or abundant \_\_\_\_\_ can refer to a \_\_\_\_\_ disposition towards one's neighbor.

#### B. The Essential RESPONSE of the Believer (v. 21b)

1. Your attitude should be far from malice, and exemplified in \_\_\_\_\_, meaning \_\_\_\_\_ under control. (Matt. 5:5; 11:29)
2. The 'putting off' of evil is to be accompanied by a ' \_\_\_\_\_ of something else: "*the implanted Word*" rooted in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the soul.

\* How can you personally apply this truth today?