

## Hurry UP and LISTEN ~ James 1:19-21

→ Scripture Reading - James 1.16-21

### INTRODUCTION

[18] HE CHOSE to give us BIRTH through the WORD of TRUTH...

### LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD ~ James 1:19-20

[19] My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, [20] for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.

QUICK to LISTEN - implies an DESIRE to Hear and Obey what we Hears

QUICK to LISTEN - implies ACTIVE Listening, Eagerly Anticipating what will be Heard

### APPLICATION

→ Be QUICK to LISTEN and SLOW to SPEAK

**Psalms 46:10** (NIV) Be STILL, and KNOW that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

**Psalm 37:7** (NLT) Be STILL in the presence of the LORD, and wait patiently for Him to act. Don't worry about evil people who prosper or fret about their wicked schemes.

### APPLICATION

**Proverbs 10:19** (NIV) When words are MANY, sin is NOT absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise.

**Proverbs 12:18** (NET) Speaking RECKLESSLY is like the thrusts of a sword, but the words of the wise bring healing.

#### Parallel Thoughts...

- LOTS of words can Lead to sin - so be QUICK to LISTEN
- Reckless words Wound and Hurt - be SLOW to SPEAK

Make sure your brain is fully ENGAGED before you put your mouth in GEAR. D. Kieft

**Proverbs 16:32** (NET) Better to be SLOW to ANGER than to be a mighty warrior, and one who CONTROLS his TEMPER is better than one who captures a city.

**Proverbs 29:11** (NIV) A fool gives full VENT to his ANGER, but a WISE MAN keeps himself UNDER CONTROL.

I've never had to TAKE BACK words I did NOT speak. Hughes

→ Anger can come when someone STEPS on one of our RIGHTS

→ Anger can come from a WRONG Goal that is BLOCKED

## Dealing with Anger in a godly way...

- What GOAL has been BLOCKED
- tell God you are ANGRY
- if you BLOW it confess that Sin to God
- Ask FORGIVENESS

## HUMBLY Submit to God's WORD ~ James 1:21

[21] Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

### SAVED from the...

- PENALTY of sin - JUSTIFIED  
**Rom. 6:23** (NIV) for the WAGES of sin is death BUT the gift of God is eternal life
- POWER of sin - SANCTIFIED  
**Philip. 1:6** (NIV) HE who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion...
- PRESENCE of sin - GLORIFIED  
**Jude 1:24** (NIV) To HIM who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence WITHOUT FAULT and with great joy...

## TAKE AWAY ??

[21] get **RID OF all moral filth** and the evil that is so prevalent and **HUMBLY ACCEPT** the **WORD** planted in you, which can **SAVE you**

**Psalm 119:101** (NLT) I have REFUSED to walk on any EVIL path,  
SO THAT I may remain OBEDIENT to your WORD.

**Humbly Accept-** put ourselves under the AUTHORITY of God's Word

**Word of God Planted in you** - you have HEARD God's WORD now EMBRACE it

**Philippians 4:6-7** (NIV) Do not be ANXIOUS about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. [7] And the PEACE of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**Isaiah 55:11** (HCS) ...so My WORD that comes from My mouth will not return to Me empty, but it WILL accomplish what I please and will prosper in what I send it to do."