

James 1:16-17 (NIV)

Don't be deceived, my dear brothers.

[17] Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

James 1:18 (NIV)

He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

James 1:19-20 (NIV)

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.

James 1:21 (NIV)

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.

**Hurry up and
LISTEN**

James 1:19-21

James 1:18 (NIV)

He **CHOSE** to give us birth
through the **WORD** of **TRUTH...**

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

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

→ 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.

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**.

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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**

SAVED from the...

- **PENALTY** of sin - **JUSTIFIED**
- **POWER** of sin - **SANCTIFIED**
- **PRESENCE** of sin - **GLORIFIED**

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.