

Studies In The Book James Faith In Action!

Lesson 7

Read James 1:19 – 20

Introduction: *When we talk too much and listen too little, we communicate to others that we think our ideas are much more important than theirs. James wisely advises us to reverse this process. Put a mental stopwatch on your conversations; keep track of how much you talk and how much you listen. “The Lord has given to us two ears and one mouth, which ought to remind us to listen twice as much than we speak.”*

Life Application Study Bible

1. According to James 1:19 what are the three qualities we need when going through trials?

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- When people talk with you, do they feel that their viewpoints and ideas have value? Do you talk more than listen?

- What wisdom and insight do I learn from Proverbs 4:1,10,20 and Proverbs 22:17 – 21?

- What does it mean to you when James says, “*be swift to hear*”? How would this change the way you are listening?

2. According to Matthew 13:10 – 23 what was the purpose for Jesus speaking in parables?

- Are people in today’s society *hard of earing* when it comes to God’s Word? Why do you think people say they’re Christians but do not practice biblical views in life?

• What understanding do we gain from the following scriptures?

- John 8:47
- John 10:4, 27
- John 18:37
- 1 John 4:6
- Romans 10:17
- Matthew 17:5

- What lessons do you learn from reading the parable of the sower in Matthew 13:18 – 23?

3. What does it mean to you to be *slow to speak* according to James 1:19?

- What do the following scriptures teach about our speech?
 - Matthew 12:34 – 37
 - Ephesians 4:15, 29
 - Colossians 3:16 – 17
 - 1 Timothy 6:3 – 5
 - 2 Timothy 1:13
 - Romans 10:6 – 10
 - Matthew 10:27
 - Psalm 19:14

4. According to James 1:19 we are told to be *slow to anger*. What do the following scriptures teach you about dealing with anger?

- Proverbs 14:17, 29
- Proverbs 15:1 – 2, 18
- Proverbs 16:32
- Proverbs 17:27 – 28
- Proverbs 19:11
- Ephesians 4:25 – 26, 31
- Psalm 4:4

5. According to James 1:20 what does the *wrath of man* not produce?

- What can '*out of control anger*' result in according to Genesis 4:4 – 8?
- According to Ephesians 4:31–32 and Colossians 3:8-10 how am I too deal with my anger?