



James 1:19-27 Study Hints for Discussion

1. In our relations with others, what ways of speaking does James want us to do or avoid doing?

Be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger.

2. How can praying and resolving to be quick to listen and slow to speak help prevent us from speaking quickly in anger?

We can pray for patience and if we are praying, we will be slow to speak. If we learn to develop empathy for others and learn to listen to all they say rather than thinking about a response, we will be quick to listen when someone has something to say. If we pray for patience and listen carefully, we may discover that we have nothing to be angry about but just need to understand each other better.

3. From what are we to rid ourselves?

All sordidness and rank growth of wickedness

4. How can we best nurture the growth of God's implanted word in our hearts and minds?

By doing the Word of God as soon as we learn the Word of God or obeying Jesus as soon as we learn one of His commands that we need to obey, while repenting for not

obeying. By praying for Jesus and the Holy Spirit to help us read and rightly apply what we learn from the Bible as we read.

5. What does James say is pure and undefiled religion? How might someone misunderstand his teaching on this?

“Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.” They may think they do not need to believe in Jesus, but just do good works.

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