



LEVEL. FAITH

STUDIES FROM THE BOOK OF JAMES

PART 2

JAMES 1:19-27

Read through the verses. Look up the related references as well.

BE QUICK TO LISTEN (JAMES 1:19)

See Ecclesiastes 5:1. Do you think James is referring to listening to people, listening to God or both?

SLOW TO SPEAK (JAMES 1:19)

See Proverbs 10:19. Is it harder to control your anger or your speech? Can you think of a time when you did or didn't exercise control? What were the results?

SLOW TO ANGER (JAMES 1:19-20)

See Psalm 4:4. Are there strategies in this Psalm that relate to what James says?

THROWING OUT AND RECEIVING (JAMES 1:21)

See Colossians 3:5-8 and Ephesians 1:13.

ACTING ON WHAT YOU BELIEVE (JAMES 1:22-27)

See Matthew 7:21 and John 6:28 & 29. Is "doing" required for salvation? If not, what role do our actions play in our faith? In verse 27, James focuses on ways to show your faith through being compassionate or living purely. Which category of "Christian living" is easiest for you to focus on?

GETTING TO STREET LEVEL:

1. Write down what makes you angry. Develop some practical strategies for coping with and slowing down your anger.
2. Read Paul's list in Colossians 3:5-8 and confess to God whatever you feel is needing to be thrown out of your heart.
3. What action can you take this week, either of compassion or safeguarding yourself from sin?