

James 1v19-27

**LISTENING AND DOING**

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**God has spoken...**

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- Am I listening?
- Will I obey?

# 1) Quick to listen

**V19-20:** My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, <sup>20</sup> because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.

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**V18:** The word that has given us new birth

**V19:** Be quick to listen

**V21:** The word that has been planted in us

**V22:** The word that we shouldn't just listen to but also obey

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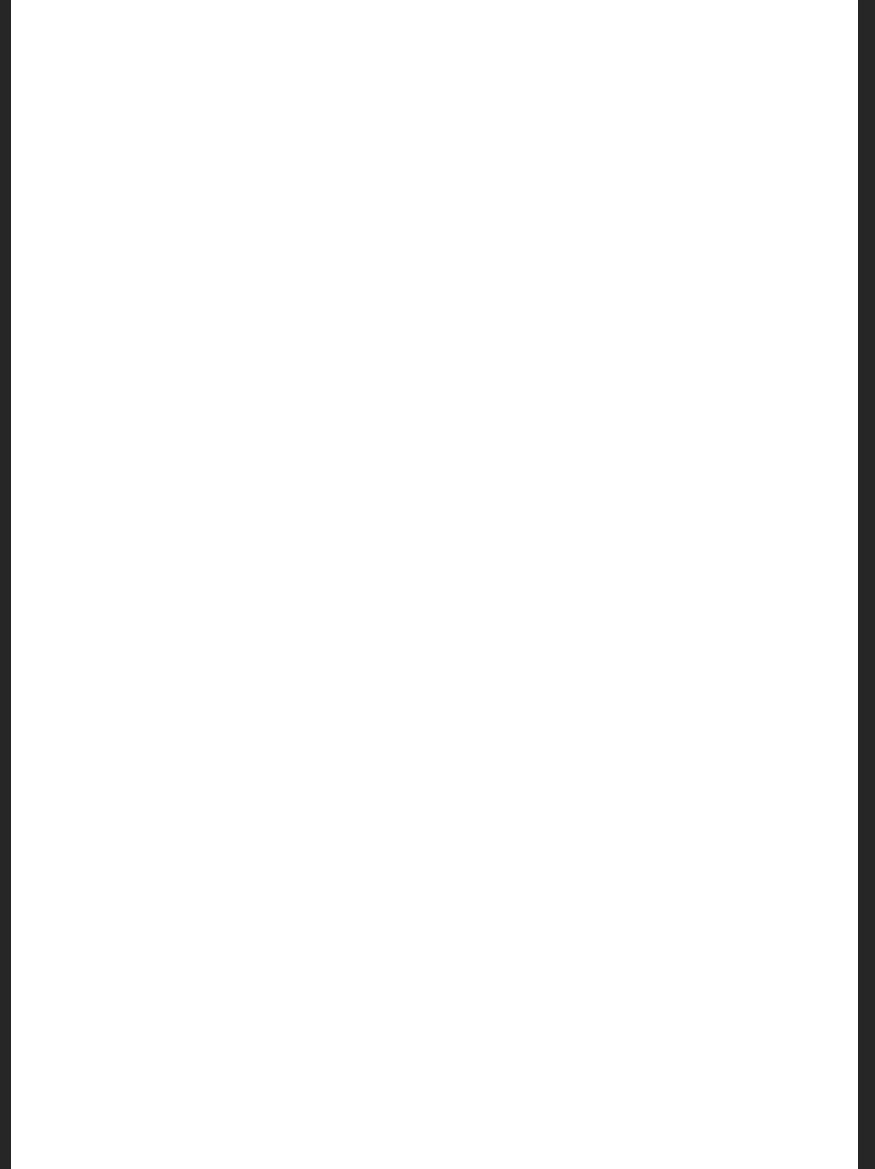


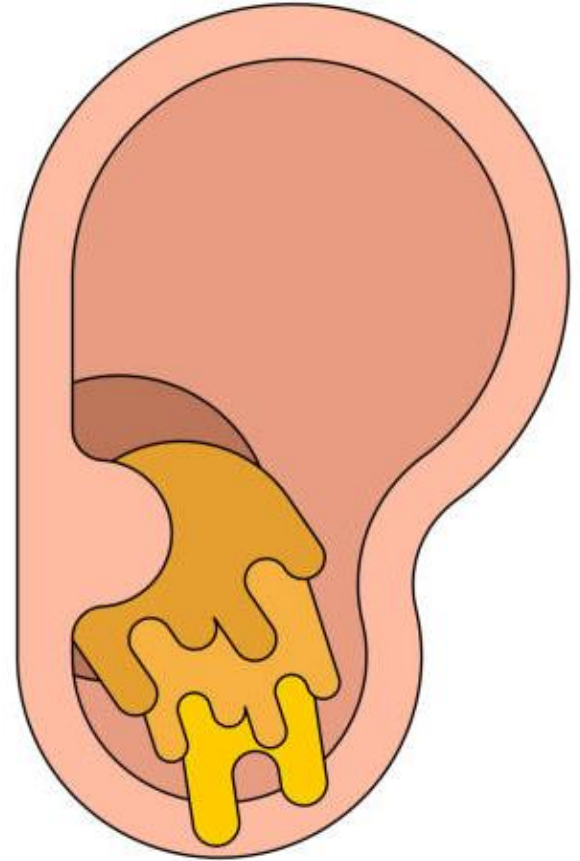
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*God has revealed himself in the Bible, which consists of the Old and New Testaments alone, and which was inspired by God through human authors, so that the Bible as originally given is in its entirety the Word of God, without error and fully reliable in fact and doctrine. The Bible alone speaks with final authority and is always sufficient for all matters of belief and practice.*

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## Psalm 1v1-3

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the one

who does not walk in step with the wicked  
or stand in the way that sinners take  
or sit in the company of mockers,

<sup>2</sup> but whose delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and who meditates on his law day and night.

<sup>3</sup> That person is like a tree planted by  
streams of water,

which yields its fruit in season  
and whose leaf does not wither—  
whatever they do prospers.

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- How we use our tongues
- How we care for the needy
- How we keep ourselves from being polluted by the world

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**V26:** Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless.



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**V27:** Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress...

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**V27:** ...and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

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*“Cultivating a pure heart requires intentionality; it is the pursuit of holiness that protects us from worldliness. Ultimately it is the by-product of a consistent commitment to study and obey God’s word in all areas of life.”*

**Bill Curtis**

- 1) Be quick to listen**
- 2) Be ready to obey**

Are you? / Am I?

