

A Study of the
book of

James

Is your faith visible?

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James 1

16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. 17 Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow. 18 In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures.

Mark 4

14 The farmer sows the word. 15 Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. 16 Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. 17 But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.

Mark 4

18 Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; 19 but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. 20 Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop

James 1

19 This you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger; 20 for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God. 21 Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls.

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We are to be “quick to hear” the Word of God

Mark 4

23 If anyone has ears to hear, let them hear.”

24 He went on to say, "Pay attention to what you hear. With the measure you use, it will be measured to you, and even more will be added to you.

Reasons why we are not “quick to hear”

1. It doesn't seem personal
2. It doesn't seem interesting
3. It doesn't seem fresh

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19 This you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger;

We are to be “slow to speak” (teach) the Word of God

1. We are to be “slow to” teach the Word because we are “speaking” for God

James 3

1 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.

2. We are to be “slow to” teach the Word because our lives can malign God’s Word

1 Peter 2:2 Many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned;

Hebrews 13:7 Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

3. We are to be “slow to” teach the Word in proportion to hearing the Word

2 Timothy 2:15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

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We are to be slow to allow our hearts to rebel against, resist or reject God

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There may need to be a “putting off” before there can be a “putting on” of truth

1 Peter 1

23 for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God. 25 And this is the word which was preached to you.

1 Peter 2

1 Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. 2 like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, 3 now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

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We are to receive the Word with meekness

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We “receive the Word” believing that the Spirit inside of us powerfully uses it to sanctify us

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