Notes for message- James week 3

**James- Faith That Works**

***Active Listening***

**James 1:19** My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry… NIV

**Listen and Don’t**

* Don’t be quick to speak.

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* + *Seek first to understand, then to be understood.* (Stephen Covey)

**Prov 8:32-35** Now then, my sons, listen to me; blessed are those who keep my ways. Listen to my instruction and be wise; do not ignore it. Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway. For whoever finds me finds life and receives favor from the LORD. NIV

**Eccl 5:1-2** Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. Go near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools, who do not know that they do wrong. Do not be quick with your mouth, do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God. God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few. NIV

* Don’t be quick to become angry.

**James 1:19, 20** My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. NIV

**Prov 14:17** A quick-tempered man does foolish things… NIV

**Prov 14:29** A patient man has great understanding, but a quick-tempered man displays folly. NIV

* + *The fastest horse cannot catch a word spoken in anger.* (Chinese proverb)

**Listen and Do**

* Put the word into practice

**James 1:22-25** Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it-he will be blessed in what he does. NIV

* + *One step forward in obedience is worth years of studying about it.* (Oswald Chambers)
* Keep a tight rein on your tongue.

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**James 1:26** If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless. NIV

**Prov 10:19** When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise. NIV

**Prov 17:27** A man of knowledge uses words with restraint… NIV

* + *It is better to remain silent and be thought a fool, than to open your mouth and remove all doubt.*

(Abraham Lincoln)

**Matt 12:36-37** But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned. NIV