

not reflect the righteous character of God, nor does it accomplish that which God would regard as true righteousness.” (McCartney, pp. 115-116)

A Few Questions to Ask Yourself about Anger

Am I honest about my anger?

Am I angry about what God would be angry about?

Am I angry too quickly and should I have listened more quickly?

Am I sinning in my anger either in my speaking or behavior?

Am I actually producing the right sort of thing with my anger?

- **They should intentionally develop their RECEPTION** (v. 21).

^{ESV} **1:21** Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

What does this mean?

What every person should do:

Put away...

all “filthiness”

all “rampant wickedness”

Receive...

with “meekness”

the “implanted word”

Why every person should do as James commands:

which is able

to save your souls

What do you know as it relates to receiving the word?

What do you do as it relates to receiving the word?

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PROVEN—The Letter of James
A Faith That’s Practical, Prudent, and Patient
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James 1:19-21

Review

James writes, in the early years of the church, to help believers understand the dynamics of a proven faith—a faith that’s practical, prudent, and patient in and throughout all of one’s life, which includes:

Responding to Trials (1:2-15)

by considering it all joy when they meet trials (vv. 2-3), and letting steadfastness have its full effect (v. 4)

by asking God for wisdom (v. 5), and especially doing so in faith (vv. 6-8)

by boasting, as a lowly believer, in their exaltation (v. 9), and as a rich believer, in their humiliation (vv. 10-11)

by not doubting God about His promise (v. 12), and not blaming God for their desire (vv. 13-15)

Responding to the Word (1:16-27)

by not being deceived about who God is and what God has done (vv. 16-18)

What is James talking about in the passage before us (1:19-21)?

How do the verses in the passage relate?

The relationship of vv. 19-21 to the previous section (vv. 16-18)...

^{ESV} **James 1:18** Of his own will he brought us forth by **the word of truth**, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

^{ESV} **James 1:21** Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness **the implanted word**, which is able to save your souls.

- If I am a believer, then that means I have “brought forth” by “the word of truth.”
- If I have been brought forth by the word of truth, then I have a responsibility to “receive” the “word” that has been “implanted” in me.

The relationship of vv. 19-20 to v. 21...

^{ESV} **James 1:19** Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear...

^{ESV} **James 1:21** Therefore...receive with meekness the implanted word...

- The "hearing" that James commends is ultimately in reference to how we "receive" the word.
- Effectively "receiv(ing)" the word requires us to train our attitude and actions.

A Possible Chiastic-Like Structure

Quick to hear
 Slow to speak
 Slow to anger
 For the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God
 Put away all filthiness
 Put away rampant wickedness
 Receive with meekness the implanted word

How should we understand this passage?

hearing and receiving

In relation to...

be, put away

quick, slow

hearing, speaking

anger, filthiness, wickedness

...**attitude** and **actions**

In relation to...

every person

know

"**Know** this, my beloved brothers: let **every person**..."

Does every person have a responsibility to receive the word?

Does every person have a responsibility to prepare themselves in order to receive the word?

Responding to the Word, pt. 2

^{ESV} **James 1:19** Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness that God requires. ²¹ Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

How should believers respond to the word of God?

By actively preparing themselves to receive it well

- **They should intentionally develop their HEARING** (vv. 19-20).

^{ESV} **1:19** Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness that God requires.

What does this mean?

What every person should do:

Be "quick to hear"

What sort of hearing is James talking about?

Be "slow to speak"

What sort of speaking is James talking about?

Be "slow to anger"

What is anger?

Why is anger mentioned along with hearing and speaking?

Why every person should do as James commands:

For

the anger of man...produces

What has your anger produced?

not...the righteousness that God requires

When was the last time your anger produced God's righteousness?

"James's point, then, is that although the wrath of a human being may indeed work what looks like 'justice' to humans, it does not bring about the divine justice; it does