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Plant Your Word

I have gotten it all backwards. I have been quick to speak. I have been slow to listen. I have been quick to become angry. Obviously, I have not taken very good notes on what you have wanted me to hear and put into practice. I have not allowed you to deeply plant your word in me. I have not allowed your word to take deep roots and grow in me. **Why is that? What has hindered your ability to listen?** Why would I need to listen? Does someone who thinks they “know it all” need to listen? **Do you “know it all”?** **Do you really have no need to listen?** I know very little. I desperately need to listen. I need all the help that I can get. I am far from perfect. I am a work in progress that is for sure. I want and need your help. **Is that a prayer of yours?** Yes, I am asking you to change me. I want to be quick to listen. I want to be slow to speak. I want to be slow to become angry. I don't ever want to become angry. At this point I'd settle for becoming very slow to become angry. Most of all, I want to live the righteous life that you have called me to live. That is also another prayer of mine. **Yes, I know.**

You know how I will change your heart. You know how I will transform your mind. You know what I will use to make you quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry. That much I do know. You will use your word to accomplish all these things in my life. **Yes, I will. You have a part to play. You will not be a passive participant in the work that I will do in and through your life. What must you do with my word if you want me to change your heart and transform your mind?** I will humbly let you plant your word deeply in me. I will listen attentively to everything that you have to say to me. I will allow your word to take root and grow in my life. I will be very careful to put into practice everything that you teach me. **Then you will become quick to listen. Then you will be slow to speak. Then you will be slow to become angry. Then you will live the righteous life that I have called you to live.** Do that work in me, Lord. I'm listening. **Yes, I know. I will.**

Lord, I have been quick to speak, slow to listen and quick to become angry. Forgive me. Help me to humbly allow you to plant your word in me. Change my heart. Transform my mind. Make me a listener. Help me to be slow to speak and slow to become angry. Amen

Rhythms*Quick - Slow*

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NIV

James 1:19-21

Rhythms*Quick - Slow*

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

ESV

James 1:19-21

Rhythms*Quick - Slow*

Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires. So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls.

NLT

James 1:19-21

Rhythms*Quick - Slow*

So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

NKJV

James 1:19-21

Rhythms*Quick - Slow*

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

NRSV

James 1:19-21

Rhythms*Quick - Slow*

Post this at all the intersections, dear friends: Lead with your ears, follow up with your tongue, and let anger straggle along in the rear. God's righteousness doesn't grow from human anger. So throw all spoiled virtue and cancerous evil in the garbage. In simple humility, let our gardener, God, landscape you with the Word, making a salvation-garden of your life.

MSG

James 1:19-21

Rhythms*Quick - Slow*

Understand [this], my beloved brethren. Let every man be quick to hear [a ready listener], slow to speak, slow to take offense and to get angry. For man's anger does not promote the righteousness God [wishes and requires]. So get rid of all uncleanness and the rampant outgrowth of wickedness, and in a humble (gentle, modest) spirit receive and welcome the Word which implanted and rooted [in your hearts] contains the power to save your souls.

AMP

James 1:19-21

Rhythms*Quick - Slow*

Dear brothers, don't ever forget that it is best to listen much, speak little, and not become angry; for anger doesn't make us good, as God demands that we must be. So get rid of all that is wrong in your life, both inside and outside, and humbly be glad for the wonderful message we have received, for it is able to save our souls as it takes hold of our hearts.

TLB

James 1:19-21

Rhythms*Quick - Slow*

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

NASB

James 1:19-21

Rhythms*Quick - Slow*

My dear brothers and sisters, always be willing to listen and slow to speak. Do not become angry easily, because anger will not help you live the right kind of life God wants. So put out of your life every evil thing and every kind of wrong. Then in gentleness accept God's teaching that is planted in your hearts, which can save you.

NCV

James 1:19-21

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you be quick to listen and slow to speak and slow to become angry.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will be quick to listen and slow to speak and slow to become angry.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I be quick to listen and slow to speak and slow to become angry today?
