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Notes

Are you taking notes? Are you listening attentively to what I have to say to you? Are you allowing my word to be planted deeply in you? Are you allowing my word to change your heart, transform your mind and guide your life? Is my word helping you to think and speak and act in ways that are pleasing to me? I'm not sure, you tell me. **Nice try. You tell me.** I think that your word is doing its work in me. I think that I am allowing your word to be planted in me. **How are you allowing my word to be planted in you?** I meet with you in your word. I read and study your word. I meditate deeply on your word. I memorize your word. I pray your word. I proclaim your word. Most of all, I believe that I am putting your word into practice every day as I love, follow and serve you. It is certainly the desire and passion of my heart to have your word dwelling in me richly. I know, without a doubt, that your word is and will be molding and shaping my life. I know, for certain, that your word will make me able to resist temptation and stand against evil. I know, with great confidence, that your Holy Spirit is taking your word and using it to fight in me, with me, for me, and through me, as I walk through life with you. **That's true. That sure. That's certain.** Now, I am living a perfect life? Not a chance. Do I still need your word to continue to do its work in me? For sure. So, if you can plant your word even more deeply in my life, I welcome you to do it today, tomorrow, and every day of my life until I come to meet you face to face. **That I am doing. That I will continue to do. Have no doubts about that.** Thank you, Lord.

Let's talk about anger. What do you know about anger? Anger can and does destroy relationships. Anger can and will make me an ineffective witness for you in the world. Anger will make me unable to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. **You have answered well. Anger will do all this damage. So, what will you do with your anger? How will you respond in a situation that might make you angry?** I will be quick to listen. I will be slow to speak. I will be slow to become angry. **That will be very good. Let these words of mine be planted deep within your heart and mind and life. Then you will be able to live a life that is good and right and pleasing to me.** Thank you, Lord.

Lord, I will take note of what you say to me. I will listen attentively. I will allow you to plant your word deep within my heart, mind and life. Help me to live a righteous life that is pleasing to you. Make me quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry. Amen

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NIV

James 1:19-21

Promises*Understand This*

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

Promises*Understand This*

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

Promises*Understand This*

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

Promises*This You Know*

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

Promises*Know This*

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

Promises*So Then*

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

Promises*Post This*

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

Promises*Don't Ever Forget*

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

Promises*Always Be Willing*

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

Take Note Of This

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Promises – James 1:19-21

In Context: *Read James 1*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, I will take note of what you say to me. I will listen attentively. I will allow you to plant your word deep within my heart, mind and life. Help me to live a righteous life that is pleasing to you. Make me quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry. Amen

What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How are you taking note of important things that God want to say to you in His word?

How strongly do you want to live a righteous life that is pleasing to God?

How are you allowing God to plant His word into your heart and mind and life?

How is God's word being planted in you changing the way you think and speak and act?

How is God's word transforming your heart, mind and life in ways that make you able to listen to others?

How will being quick to listen and slow to speak create a buffer and margin so you won't become angry?

Why will you be unable to live a life that is pleasing to God if you allow yourself to be easily angered?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Allow God to plant His word in your heart and mind and life so he can change how you think, speak and act.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will change your heart and transform your mind as He plants His word in you.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are allowing God to plant His word deep within you.

Close With Prayer:

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Take Note Of This

James 1

Year ____ Week ____ Day ____ Date ____

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, 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, 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 will you help me to be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry?
