



Hearing and Doing the Word
James 1:19-27

Parable of the Two Sons

- **Matthew 21:28-31** - 28 “What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ 29 And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. 30 And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you.”

Quick to Hear, Slow to Speak, Slow to Anger

- **James 1:19** - 19 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger...

De-Escalation Techniques

1. First – Calm yourself before interacting with the person
2. Try to Look as Non-Threatening as Possible – 80% of Communication is Non-Verbal
3. Listen to the Person's Concerns – Acknowledge Their Feelings without passing judgment
4. Speak in a Calm and Non-Threatening Tone of Voice

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- **Proverbs 15:1** - A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.
- **Proverbs 17:17 - 27** The one who has knowledge uses words with restraint, and whoever has understanding is even-tempered.

Anger of Man Does Not Produce Righteousness of God

- **James 1:20** - 20 ...for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

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- **Proverbs 29:11** - 11 A fool gives full vent to his spirit, but a wise man quietly holds it back.
- **Ephesians 4:26-27** - 26 Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, 27 and give no opportunity to the devil.

Put Away All Wickedness

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

Be Doers of the Word

- **James 1:22** - 22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

Too Busy

Too busy to read the Bible, too busy to wait and pray;

Too busy to speak out kindly, to someone who passes by the way!

Too busy working and worrying, to think of the life to come;

Too busy building earthly mansions, to plan for the Heaven above.

Too busy to help a brother, who faces trials and suffering woes;

Too busy to share his burden, “No time, I’m busy you know.”

Too busy for all that is holy, on earth beneath the sky;

Too busy to serve the Master, but not too busy to die.

Be Doers of the Word

- **Luke 6:46** - 46 “Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you?”
- **Matthew 7:24** - 24 “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. (NIV)”

The Mirror

- **James 1:23-24** - 23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

Looking and Acting

- **James 1:25** - 25 But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

The Blessings of Action and Service to the Lord

- **Psalm 1:3** - 3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

Bridle the Tongue

- **James 1:26** - 26 If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless.

Pure and undefiled Religion Before God

- **James 1:27** - 27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

Do Not Love the World

- **1 John 2:15-17** - 15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. 17 And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.