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## **Keeping Your Faith After Your Trials and Temptations** **James 1:19-27**

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When enduring a tough trial or temptation, you may slip away from the path God wants you to take. To protect against that, James now offers the following journey for after the trial.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Stabilize Your Life Emotionally. James 1:19, 20**

Quick to hear

Slow to speak

Slow to anger

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Mobilize Your Life from God's Word. James 1:21-25**

Prepare your heart for the Word. Vs. 21  
***"putting aside all filthiness..."***

Prove yourself doers of the Word. Vs. 22

Hearer vs. Doer-- Which are you?

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Exercise Your Faith For Others. James 1:26, 27**

In your speech. Vs. 26

In true service. Vs. 27

In separation from the world. Vs. 27

## Digging Deeper In James 1:19-27

When in a trial or enduring one, we are likely to reverse the order of James 1:19. That is, we may be quick to anger, quick to speak and slow to listen. Frankly, pain caused by others can really stir us up. Often our initial reaction to suffering is very emotional. James deals with that issue first.

Because anger is such a huge problem, even in the Christian community, use the following passages to learn from the Lord on dealing with your anger and speech. As you read them, what would God have you change in your life regarding your anger and speech? This is one of those areas where your best friend could probably help you see this better than trusting in your own self-evaluation.

**Genesis 4:5** What does anger lead to emotionally and then relationally?

**I Samuel 20:34** How does an angry father hurt his son?

**Proverbs 14:17** What will your anger lead you to?

**Proverbs 16:32** What is anger better than?

**Proverbs 29:22** What kinds of relationships will an angry man have?

**Ecclesiastes 7:9** What kind of person does the Bible say has anger?

Why is it good to be slow to speak in the following verses?

**Proverbs 10:19**

**Proverbs 13:3.**

**Proverbs 17:28**

**Proverbs 29:20**

**Ecclesiastes 7:14** Whether you are going through a trial or living the good life, what does this verse tell you? How is this like what James 1:17, 18 says.

**As you control your emotions and words, you will be able to receive and practice the Word of God.**

In **James 1:21**, what do you need to “*put aside*” to really allow the “*implanted*” Word to be effective in your life? “*Filthiness*” comes from a root word, which is a medical term for “*wax in the ear.*” Your sin will block the full hearing and doing of the Word. Confess any sins to prepare your heart so you can not only know the Word but also actually practice it in your life. **Sin makes you just a hearer of the Word, not a doer.**

For your own study, compare the difference between a “hearer” of the Word and a “doer” from **James 1:22-25**. Make a list of what James says about each as we did on the front of this outline. From those two lists, which are you most like? Where can you grow?

Hearer is...

A doer does...

What impact will the Word have on your life so that you are an “**effectual doer**” (James 1:25) based on the following passages?

**I Peter 2:2**

**Hebrews 5:11-6:2**

**II Peter 1:4-9**

**Ephesians 6:10, 11, 17**

**Joshua 1:8, 9**

**Psalm 119:50-52, 92**

**II Timothy 2:2**

**James 1:27. Where are you living out this passage for those in need?**



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