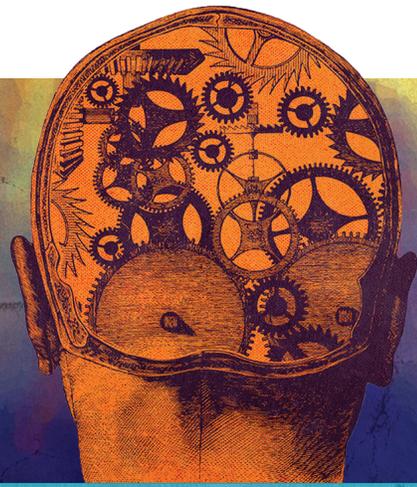


JAMES

WORD TO THE WISE

Message Study Guide



PRAY READ EXPLORE: James 1:19-27

Message Notes:



PRAYREADEXPLORE



Pray, then read and explore the passage. Any notable observations or questions?



According to James, are we, as believers, to never become angry? If we do become angry, what can we expect from our anger vs. the anger of God ([James 1:19-20](#))? What practical advice is offered as an alternative to anger?

What is the result of the kind of anger that erupts quickly and doesn't allow others to speak? How does that impact our relationship with God and with others?

We tend to place high value on sharing whatever we feel in the moment and downplaying the role of listening. How would the cultural perspective of the church change if we were known to be a people quick to listen and slow to speak?



According to James, what must we "therefore" put away and receive to produce the righteousness that God requires ([James 1:21, 27b](#))?

Talk about how we might put things away and how we might receive the Word. Discuss the benefits of doing so. ([see also Colossians 3:1-17](#))



In [James 1:22-25](#), James begins with a command and compares two types of people. How does he describe someone who only hears the Word? How does he describe someone who is not only a hearer, but also a doer? Who/what does he say each is looking at? ([see also Matthew 7:24-27](#))

How do we know if our faith is really transforming our lives, leading to obedience to Christ? Do you have any specific examples of how you've seen this in your life or those around you?

How can we be assured that James isn't saying we are saved by our works in these verses ([Ephesians 2:8-10](#))? In your answer, consider the phrase "law of liberty" ([James 1:25; 2:12](#)).



What is evidence of true religion that corresponds with being a doer of the Word? ([James 2:26-27](#))



Think back on your week. Was there an instance when you failed to "bridle your tongue" that you may need to return to and give an apology for?

APPLY *Who are the orphans and widows today in Lincoln? How might we respond to this passage with practical and tangible next steps in the next several weeks. Commit to being a doer.*