

Faith Alive!

Listen Well

James 1:19-21

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- **Context**

- Moving beyond trials
- Doing the Word and Taming the Tongue
- Don't talk, but listen well!
 - Matt 12:34 'the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart
 - When we're talking, we're not listening

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- **Vs. 19 Listening to Wisdom**

- Listen up!

- Quick-Slow-Slow

- One mouth & two ears – you draw the conclusion!
- Proverbs 10:19; 13:3; 17:28; 29:20; 18:13

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- Receptive and responding to God's Word

- *God's people need to have hearts that are receptive to the Word and posture of soul which inclines them to hear the Word and profit from it.*

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- *The person who is truly related to Christ through saving faith responds gladly to His word. Conversely the person who has no interest in hearing, much less obeying, God's word gives evidence that he does not belong to Him.*

John MacArthur

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- **Vs. 19 Listening to Wisdom**
 - Listen up!
 - Quick-Slow-Slow
 - Receptive and responding to God's Word
 - Ready to obey – Golden Labrador or Fox Terrier?
 - Anxious to respond, readily teachable?
 - Slow to Speak
 - Proverbs 17:27,28; 18:2

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- **Vs. 19 Listening to Wisdom**
- **Vs. 20 Not Listening: reacting and rejecting**
 - Anger is the opposite of humbling receiving God's Word and God's work in your life...
 - Hunger and thirst for righteousness are incompatible with anger
 - Col 3:7,8 Eph 4:30-32

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- **Vs. 19** **Listening to Wisdom**
- **Vs. 20** **Not Listening: reacting and rejecting**
- **Vs. 21** **Responding with a teachable spirit**
 - **Shedding filth and excising cancer**
 - **Free from the controlling power of sin**
 - **Humbling accepting: being teachable**

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- **Think about it: Terriers in Training!**
 - Fox terriers enjoy doggie-treats,
but learn best from the training collar
 - The goal: voice command (see Ps 32:9)
 - What is going on in your life that may be
God's gracious 'collar jerk'?
 - Do you have a teachable spirit – or even want one?
 - God specializes in teaching fox terriers!