

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS ON JAMES 1:19-27

OPEN IT

- When are you most likely to lose your temper? ☺
- Think of one person who exemplifies godliness. How has that person's life been an example to you?

EXPLORE IT

- **1:19.** What do you think you should be quick to listen to? How do talkativeness and a quick temper hinder a person from listening?
- **1:20.** Why doesn't human anger bring about the righteousness that God desires? What is often wrong with our anger? (See Matt. 5:21-24, 38-48; 6:14-15; 7:1-5; 1 John 3:15.)
- **1:21.** What part does humility play in receiving God's Word? Why is it essential? What can make it hard to accept God's words? In what sense is God's Word planted in us? How does that take place?
- **1:18, 21-22.** Summarize what James says about the Word.
- **1:23-24.** How is a person who hears without doing like a person who looks in a mirror and later forgets?
- **1:25.** How can you avoid forgetting what God's Word tells you about yourself and what you should do? What does God promise to those who do what they have heard? What does it mean to be blessed? (Does it mean financial prosperity? Check the rest of Scripture!)
- **1:26-27.** List differences between worthless religion and pure, faultless religion. What does it mean to keep from being polluted?

GET IT

- How can being quick to speak & quick to anger get you into trouble?
- How do displays of anger & temper affect the witness of a Christian?
- What might cause a person to forget to do what the Word says? Why is it easy to listen to God's Word without doing what it says?
- What pollutions are your biggest dangers? What steps can you take?

APPLY IT

- What aspect of God's Word in 1:19-27 would you like to concentrate on? How do you see this already at work? How do you need to grow in this area? What can you do to be a doer of this truth, acting on it and making it a habit? How can you make sure you remember?
- Do you have an issue with either talkativeness or anger? Ask God for wisdom to overcome. Watch for times when you are angry or too talkative, and confess them. Ask for grace to change.
- What keeps you from being quick to listen? How can you grow better at listening? How can you practice listening this week?
- If you are angry with someone, apply Matthew 5:38-48 and 6:14-15.