

Thinking and Living Biblically

James 1:19-27

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“We have two ears and one mouth so that we can listen twice as much as we speak.”

“Men have two ears but one tongue, that they should hear more than they speak. The ears are always open, ever ready to receive instruction; but the tongue is surrounded with a double row of teeth to hedge it in and keep it within proper bounds.”

Even a fool who keeps silent is considered wise; when he closes his lips, he is deemed intelligent. (Prov.17:28)

“Better to remain silent and be thought a fool
than to speak and to remove all doubt.”

– Abraham Lincoln

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C. We must be slow to anger.

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*But be doers of the word, and not hearers
only, deceiving yourselves (v.22)*

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.

And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.” (Mt.7:24-27)