

## Listening and Doing - James 1:19-27

Topics: Anger, Caring, Compassion, Evil, Forget, Hypocrisy, Law, Listening, Obedience, Religion, Words

### Open It

1. Who do you admire as a religious or spiritual role model?
2. How does it affect you when a person is caught doing what he or she tells others not to do?
- \* 3. When are you most likely to lose your temper?

### Explore It

- \* 4. What instruction did James give about the relationship between speaking, listening, and anger? (1:19)
- \* 5. What is the relationship between anger and righteous living? (1:20)
- \* 6. What should a Christian clean out of his or her life? (1:21)
7. What is the relationship between listening to God's Word and doing it? (1:22)
8. What analogy did James use to describe a person who does not do what the Bible says? (1:23-24)
9. What promise did James give to the person who studies God's Word and practices it? (1:25)
10. What does the Bible give to people? (1:25)
11. How is a person's speech related to the credibility of his or her faith? (1:26)
12. What did James describe as pure religion? (1:27)
13. What is pure religion? (1:27)

### Get It

14. What makes it hard for us to be good listeners?
- \* 15. How can being quick to speak and quick to anger get you into trouble?
- \* 16. How do displays of anger and temper affect the witness of a Christian?
17. What attitudes and habits can inhibit our growth as disciples of Christ?
18. What makes it hard for us to practice what we know to be good?
19. How does our speech reflect our relationship with God?
20. How have you experienced freedom by doing the Word of God?
21. What can we do to help widows and orphans?
22. In what ways can the world pollute us?
23. How can we keep ourselves from being polluted by the world?

### Apply It

- \* 24. In what situations this week will you need to curb your anger? How can you?
25. What do you need to change in your actions this week to match your talk?
26. Whom will you help this week in obedience to God's Word?