

TRUE FAITH

JAMES

REAL LIFE

# **ESSENTIAL FOR GROWTH**

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**THE TEST OF LISTENING TO  
AND RESPONDING TO  
THE WORD OF GOD**

**YOUR CHRISTIAN GROWTH WILL  
BE DETERMINED BY HOW YOU  
RESPECT  
RECEIVE  
AND RESPOND  
TO THE WORD OF GOD.**

**James 1:21**  
**GOD'S WORD**  
**“WHICH CAN SAVE YOU”**

**How you are paying attention to,  
handling, and being obedient to  
God's Word will determine how  
truly Christian you are.**

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James 1:19-27 (NIV)

"My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires."



"Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you."

“Do not merely listen to the word,  
and so deceive yourselves. Do  
what it says. Anyone who  
listens to the word but does not do  
what it says is like a man who looks  
at his face in a mirror”

“and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this”

“not forgetting what he has heard,  
but doing it--he will be blessed in  
what he does. If anyone considers  
himself religious and yet does not  
keep a tight rein on his tongue,”

“he deceives himself and his religion is worthless. Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.” [James 1:19-27](#)

To be a growing Christian, you  
must be RECEPTIVE to Scripture  
as God's Word  
vv. 19-21

To be a growing Christian, you  
must be RESPONSIVE to Scripture  
as God's Word  
vv. 22-27

**You properly RECEIVE the Word of God by**

- 1. Being Quick to listen**
- 2. Being Slow to speak**
- 3. Being Slow to anger**
- 4. Being free of all moral filth and evil**
- 5. Being accepting of God's Word**



**You properly RESPOND to the Word of God by**

**6. Being obedient to God's Word**

**7. Being a student of God's Word,  
continuing to obey it, not forgetting it**

**8. Being in control of his tongue**

**9. Being compassionate toward the  
homeless and the needy**

**10. Being free of the corruption of the world**

**“He will be blessed  
In what he does.”**

**JAMES 1:25**

**"They are not just idle words for  
you--they are your life."**

**DEUTERONOMY 32:47**

**"The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life."**

**JOHN 6:63**

**"Your words were found, and  
I ate them, And Your word  
was to me the joy and rejoicing  
of my heart;"**

**JEREMIAH 15:16**

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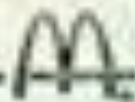


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*To receive the Word of God . . .*

**1. BE QUICK TO LISTEN, v. 19**

**“Let him who has ears,  
let him hear”**

**MATTHEW 11:15**

# PSALM 63

**“My whole being follows hard  
after You and clings closely  
to You; Your right hand  
upholds me.”**

**PSALM 63:8**



*To receive the Word of God . . .*

## **2. BE SLOW TO SPEAK, v. 19**

**TO LIVE WELL  
YOU MUST  
LISTEN WELL**



**“He who \_\_\_\_\_ his  
tongue is wise.”**

**PROVERBS 10:19b**

**“He who restrains his  
tongue is wise.”**

PROVERBS 10:19b

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### **3. BE SLOW TO ANGER, v. 19**

**“Man’s anger does not bring  
about the righteous life that  
God desires.”**

**JAMES 1:20**

**A MAN CONTROLLED BY ANGER  
CANNOT BE  
CONTROLLED BY  
GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

*To receive the Word of God . . .*

**4. BE FREE OF ALL MORAL  
FILTH AND EVIL, v. 21**

**"Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties; and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."**

**PSALMS 139:23-24**

**"For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."**

**HEBREWS 4:12**



*To receive the Word of God . . .*

**5. BE ACCEPTING OF GOD'S  
WORD, v. 21**

**If you want to grow as a Christian,**

**THE WORD OF GOD MUST  
HAVE ITS PROPER PLACE IN  
YOUR HEART AND LIFE.**

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# BAPTISM

**“NEW IN CHRIST”**

**Romans 6:3-4**